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**Special
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**"BRAINIAC'S
KRYPTONITE TRAP
for SUPERGIRL!"**

**"MUTO'S WATER TRAP
for the FUTURE
SUPERMAN!"**

CAN YOU FIGURE OUT THE AMAZING WAYS THEY ESCAPE?



SUPERMAN

REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.

THINK THE **SUPERMAN** OF OUR DAY HAS HIS HANDS FULL BATTLING **LUTHOR'S** WILY SCIENTIFIC BRAIN? BROTHER, HE HAS IT EASY COMPARED TO HIS DESCENDANT IN THE FAR FUTURE, THE **SUPERMAN OF 2966!**

THIS **MAN OF TOMORROW** IS UP AGAINST A SUPER-BRAINED MUTANT WHO HAS THE FANTASTIC POWER TO CONQUER THE WHOLE COSMOS! SO TAKE A RINGSIDE SEAT FOR THE BATTLE OF THE CENTURY (THE 30TH CENTURY, THAT IS)...

"MUTO VERSUS the MAN of TOMORROW!"

MUTO SPEAKING VIA **ULTRA-NEWS!** I DEMAND THAT THE UNIVERSE ACCEPT ME AS ITS RULER! I'LL DEMONSTRATE ONE OF MY UNBEATABLE WEAPONS ON THE PEOPLE OF **METROPOLIS--** TODAY!



THAT'S THE CUE FOR **KLAR KEN T 5477** TO MAKE A FAST SWITCH! THAT MANIACAL MUTANT WILL CARRY OUT HIS THREAT-- UNLESS I CAN STOP HIM AS **SUPERMAN!**

IN MEMORY OF **PERRY WHITE** 20TH-CENTURY EDITOR! OF THE DAILY PLANET, THIS COMPUTER DESIGNED BY HIS DESCENDANT, **PER WYE T 7357**



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ON A DISTANT PLANET, THE **SUPERMAN OF 2966** ENDS A LONG HUNT FOR HIS ARCH-FOE, **MUTO**-- AS VILLAINOUS AS THE FIRST **SUPERMAN'S** ENEMY, **LUTHOR**, BUT WITH **MUTANT MENTAL POWERS** WHICH MAKE HIM EVEN MORE DANGEROUS!

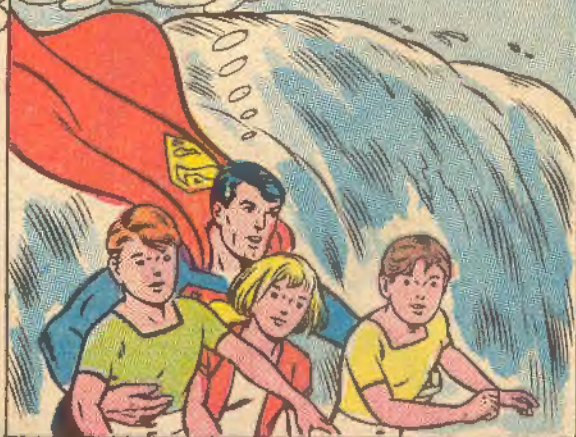
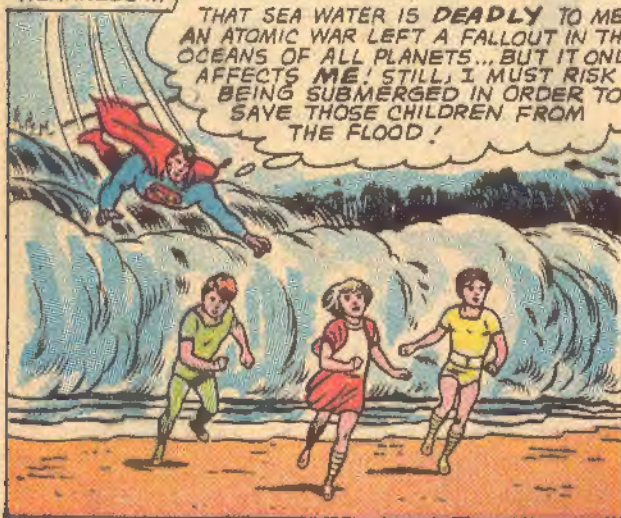
I'VE CAUGHT UP WITH **MUTO**, BUT HE'S USING HIS POWER OF **MIND OVER MATTER** TO CHANGE PART OF THIS CLIFF TO GAS SO THE SEA CAN FLOW THROUGH AND FLOOD THE VALLEY BEYOND!



UNLIKE HIS 20TH-CENTURY ANCESTOR, THIS **SUPERMAN** IS IMMUNE TO **KRYPTONITE**, BUT HE HAS A DIFFERENT WEAKNESS...

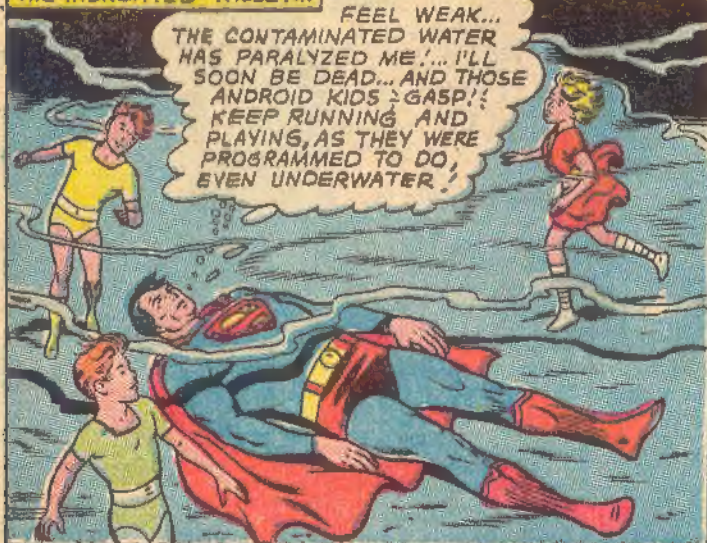
THAT SEA WATER IS **DEADLY** TO ME! AN ATOMIC WAR LEFT A **FALLOUT** IN THE OCEANS OF ALL PLANETS... BUT IT ONLY AFFECTS **ME**! STILL, I MUST RISK BEING SUBMERGED IN ORDER TO SAVE THOSE CHILDREN FROM THE FLOOD!

JUMPING GEMINI! THEY'RE NOT LIVING CHILDREN AT ALL! THEY'RE **ANDROIDS**! THEY WERE MADE BY **MUTO** TO LURE ME TO MY DOOM! CAN'T FLY AWAY IN TIME!

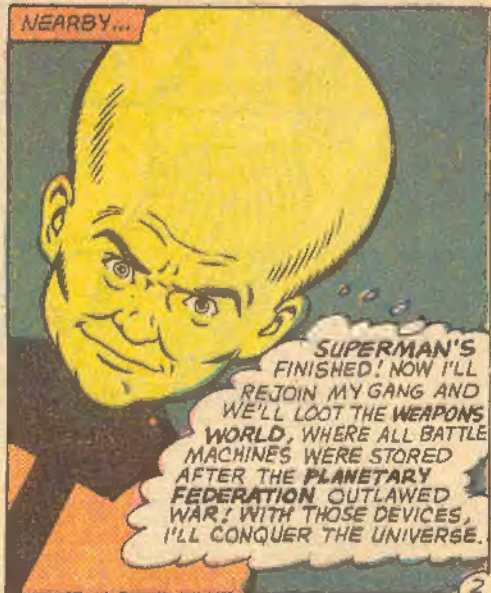


TRAPPED BY THE FLOOD, **SUPERMAN** SINKS TO THE FLOOR OF THE INUNDATED VALLEY...

FEEL WEAK... THE CONTAMINATED WATER HAS PARALYZED ME!... I'LL SOON BE DEAD... AND THOSE ANDROID KIDS? **GASP!** KEEP RUNNING AND PLAYING, AS THEY WERE PROGRAMMED TO DO, EVEN UNDERWATER!



NEARBY...

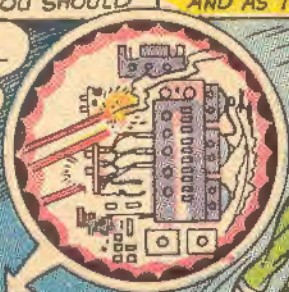


SUPERMAN'S FINISHED! NOW I'LL REJOIN MY GANG AND WE'LL LOOT THE **WEAPONS WORLD**, WHERE ALL BATTLE MACHINES WERE STORED AFTER THE **PLANETARY FEDERATION** OUTLAWED WAR! WITH THOSE DEVICES, I'LL CONQUER THE UNIVERSE.

BUT DOES SUPERMAN GIVE UP? YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER!

AND AS THE ATTEMPT SUCCEEDS...

CAN'T MOVE... BUT I CAN STILL USE MY SUPER-VISION TO SOME EXTENT AND I CAN SEE THE CONTROL-BOARD IN THAT ANDROID "CHILD'S" BACK! MAYBE, WITH MY LIMITED HEAT VISION, I CAN CHANGE THEIR PROGRAMMING!



I DID IT... I PROGRAMMED THEM TO CARRY ME OUT OF THIS DEADLY DRINK!



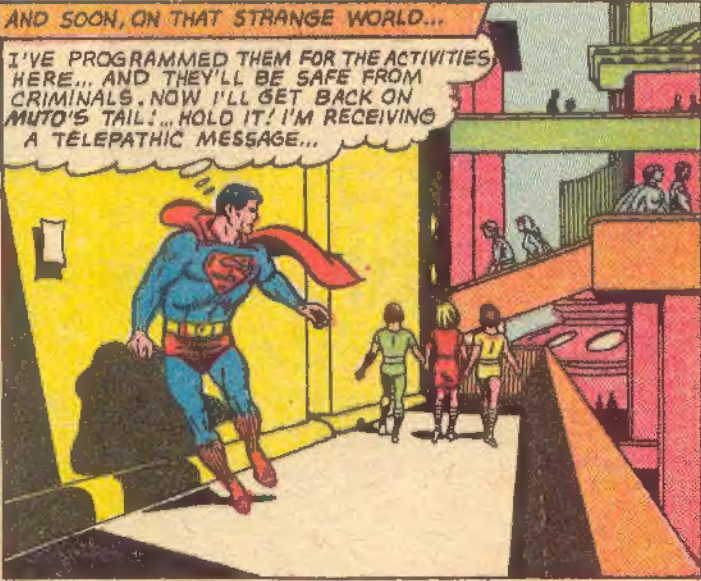
MOMENTS LATER...

NOW I'LL TAKE MY RESCUERS TO ULTHAT, A PLANET WHOSE ENTIRE POPULATION IS MADE UP OF ANDROIDS... THE ONLY SURVIVORS LEFT WHEN THAT WORLD'S HUMANS DIED OUT IN A PLAGUE!



AND SOON, ON THAT STRANGE WORLD...

I'VE PROGRAMMED THEM FOR THE ACTIVITIES HERE... AND THEY'LL BE SAFE FROM CRIMINALS. NOW I'LL GET BACK ON MUTO'S TAIL!... HOLD IT! I'M RECEIVING A TELEPATHIC MESSAGE...



FROM EARTH'S ATLANTIS COMES A MENTAL COMMUNICATION, POWERED BY MANY MINDS!

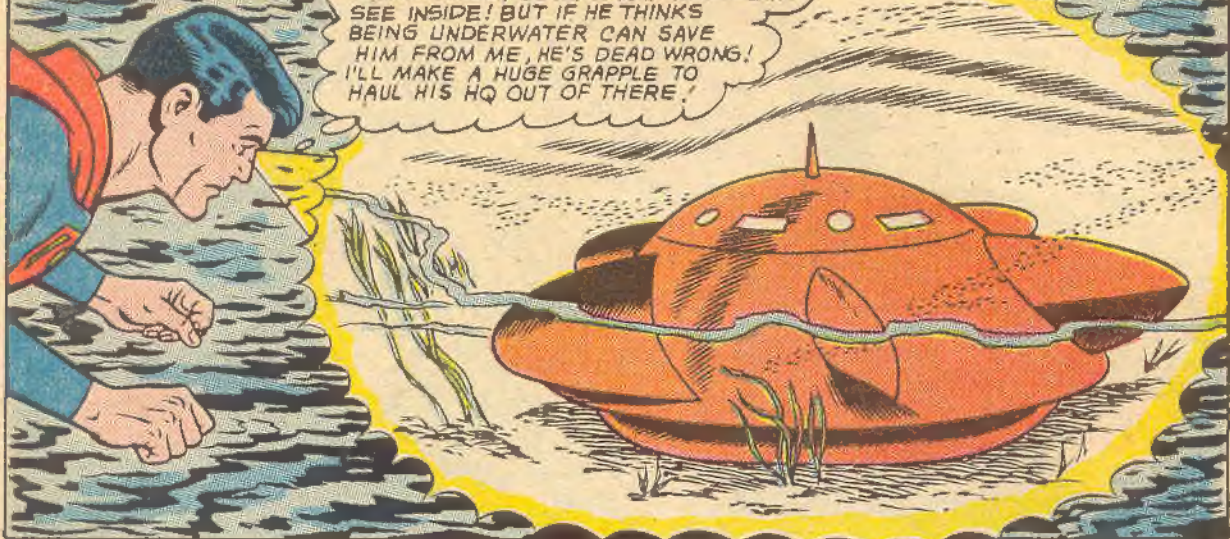
SUPERMAN... WE'RE COMBINING OUR TELEPATHIC POWER TO REACH YOU. MUTO HAS COME TO EARTH AND HAS AN UNDERSEA BASE HERE!



MUTO ON EARTH? THEN HE'S READY TO USE THE TERRIBLE ARSENAL HE STOLE FROM THE WEAPONS WORLD! WELL, THERE'LL BE A MONKEY-WRENCH IN THE WORKS... ME!

SOON, BACK ON EARTH...

THERE'S MUTO'S BASE... IT'S
LEAD-LINED, SO MY X-RAY VISION CAN'T
SEE INSIDE! BUT IF HE THINKS
BEING UNDERWATER CAN SAVE
HIM FROM ME, HE'S DEAD WRONG!
I'LL MAKE A HUGE GRAPPLE TO
HAUL HIS HQ OUT OF THERE.

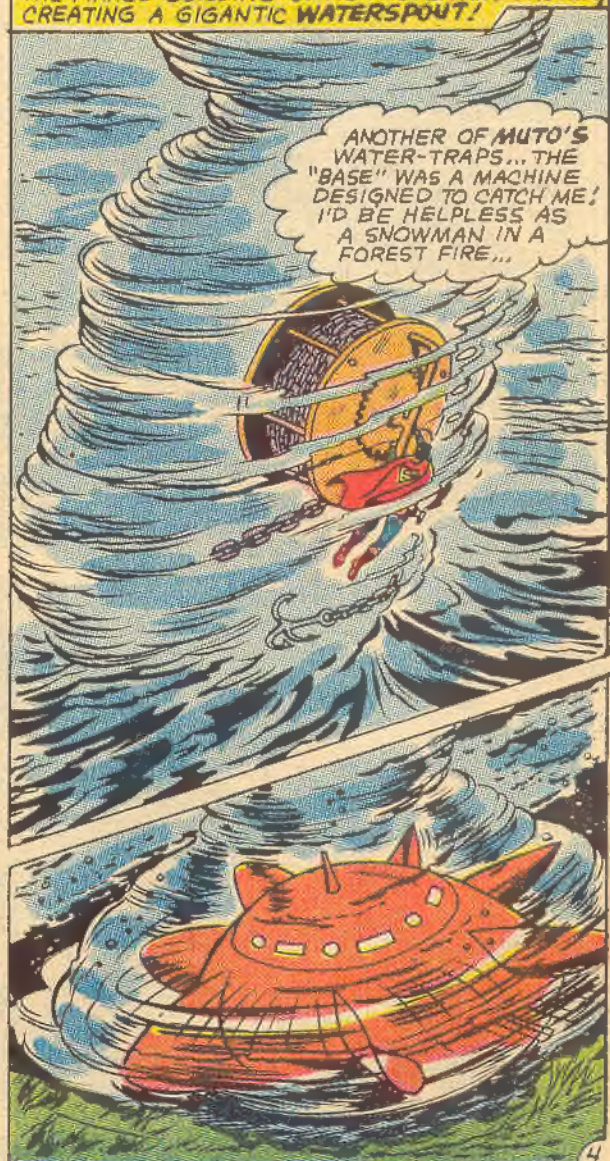


BUT WHEN THE MAN OF STEEL RETURNS WITH HIS
COLOSSAL GRAPPLE...



I'M ALL SET! NOW
TO FISH THAT STRUCTURE
UP! BUT... THE WHOLE
BASE IS STARTING
TO ROTATE...

THE FINNED BUILDING SPINS FASTER AND FASTER,
CREATING A GIGANTIC WATERSPOUT!



ANOTHER OF MUTO'S
WATER-TRAPS... THE
"BASE" WAS A MACHINE
DESIGNED TO CATCH ME!
I'D BE HELPLESS AS
A SNOWMAN IN A
FOREST FIRE...

BUT NEXT MOMENT...

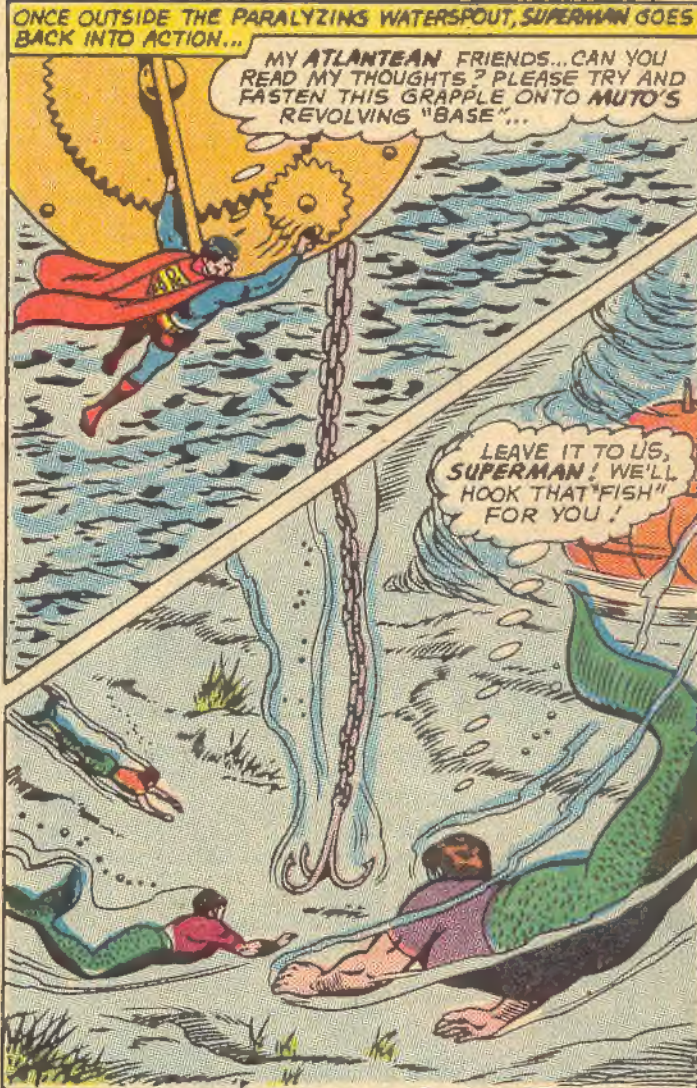
"...EXCEPT THAT I FIGURED MUTO WOULD SPRING ANOTHER SEA-TRAP! THAT'S WHY I STRAPPED ON THIS FLYING-JET THAT AUTOMATICALLY STARTS WHEN WATER HITS IT! IT'S GIVING ME A RIDE TO SAFETY!"



ONCE OUTSIDE THE PARALYZING WATERSPOUT, SUPERMAN GOES BACK INTO ACTION...

MY ATLANTEAN FRIENDS...CAN YOU READ MY THOUGHTS? PLEASE TRY AND FASTEN THIS GRAPPLE ONTO MUTO'S REVOLVING "BASE"...

LEAVE IT TO US, SUPERMAN! WE'LL HOOK THAT 'FISH' FOR YOU!



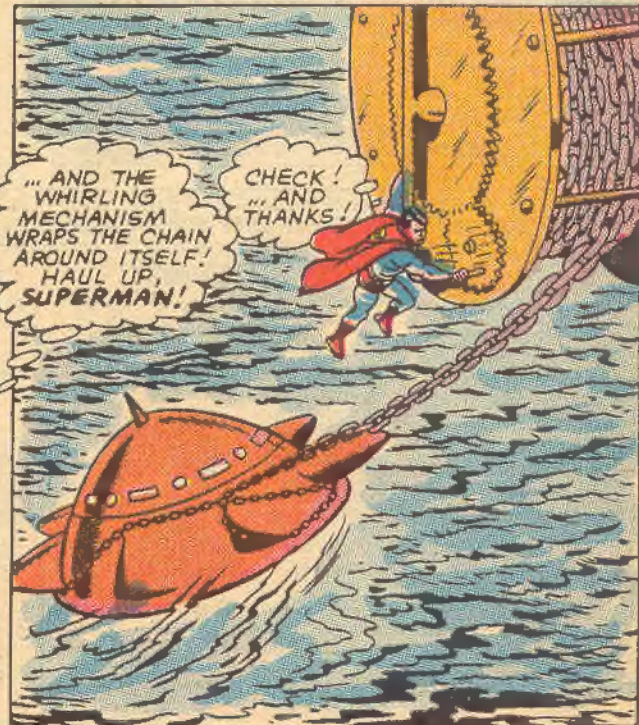
THE UNDERSEA ATLANTEANS, FRIENDS OF THE SUPERMAN FAMILY SINCE THE DAYS OF LOR! LEMARIS, SWIM AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE SPINNING STRUCTURE...

THE GRAPPLE WILL CATCH ONE OF THE FINS...



"... AND THE WHIRLING MECHANISM WRAPS THE CHAIN AROUND ITSELF! HAUL UP, SUPERMAN!"

CHECK! ... AND THANKS!

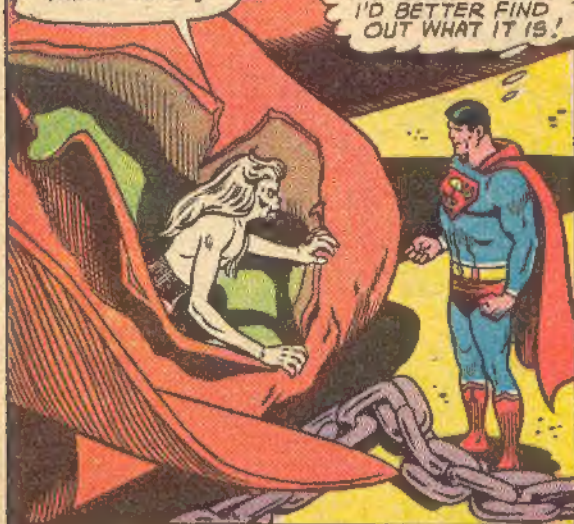


BUT WHEN A SUPER-BLOW CRACKS THE SUPPOSED BASE OPEN...

OKAY... I'M OUT OF THE GAME! YOU BEAT TWO WATER-TRAPS... BUT YOU'LL SOON BE GOING DOWN FOR THE THIRD TIME!

YOU JUST KEEP THINKING THAT, PAL!

MUTO ADMITS TO HAVING AN ACHILLES' HEEL! I'D BETTER FIND OUT WHAT IT IS!



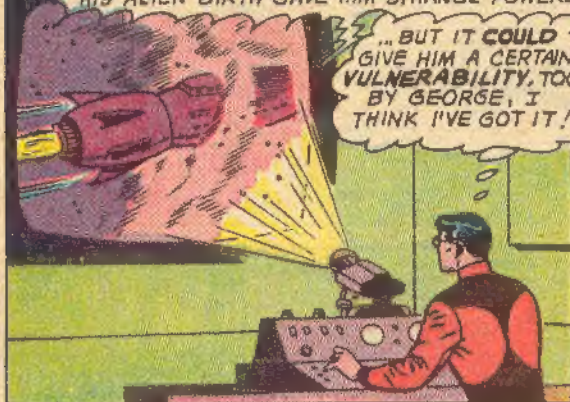
AFTER TAKING HIS CAPTIVE TO JAIL, SUPERMAN SWITCHES TO HIS EVERYDAY IDENTITY...ULTRA-NEWS REPORTER KLAR KEN T5477!

THE BUILDING'S HELI-CRAFT ENTRANCE IS A HANDY PLACE TO SWITCH IDENTITIES, WHEN THERE'S NO TRAFFIC! I'LL GO OVER THAT MICRO-REEL FILE ON MUTO AGAIN, TO SEE IF THERE'S A CLUE TO HIS WEAKNESS!



AS KLAR STUDIES THE RECORD OF MUTO'S STRANGE ORIGIN...

...AND AFTER THIS SPACELINER WAS DRAWN THROUGH A SPACE-WARP INTO ANOTHER DIMENSION, MUTO WAS BORN ON THE SHIP! HIS ALIEN BIRTH GAVE HIM STRANGE POWERS!



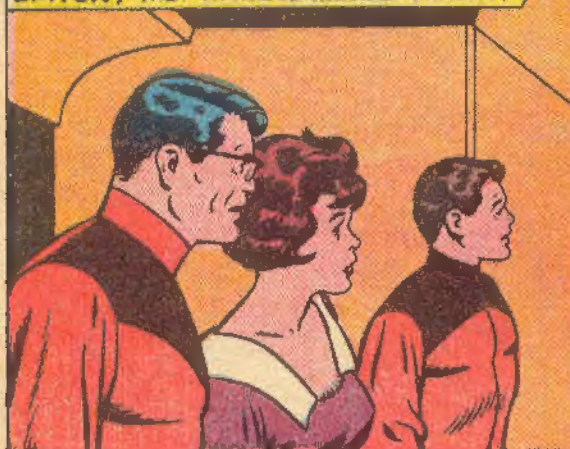
...BUT IT COULD GIVE HIM A CERTAIN VULNERABILITY, TOO! BY GEORGE, I THINK I'VE GOT IT!

SUDDENLY, LYRA 3916, THE GIRL REPORTER WHO IS FOND OF KLAR KEN, BUT DETESTS SUPERMAN, BURSTS IN!

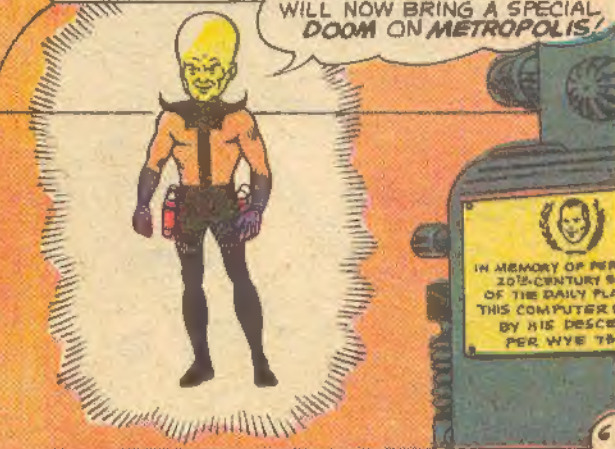
KLAR, QUICK! MUTO'S IMAGE IS BEING RECEIVED ON 3-D ULTRA-NEWS! HE'S INTERRUPTED ALL OTHER BROADCASTS! COME AND SEE!



TOGETHER WITH REPORTER JAY L-3388 AND PW-5598, THE INTERPLANETARY NEWS COMPUTER-EDITOR, THEY WITNESS MUTO'S THREAT!



TO CONVINCE ALL WORLDS TO ACKNOWLEDGE MY RULE AND PAY ME TRIBUTE, I WILL NOW BRING A SPECIAL DOOM ON METROPOLIS!

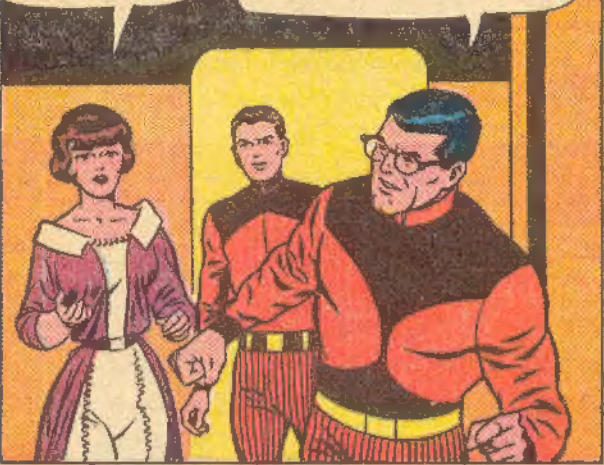


IN MEMORY OF PER 20th-CENTURY'S OF THE DAILY PLANET THIS COMPUTER IS BY HIS DESIRE PER WYE 78

AS THE 3-DIMENSIONAL ULTRA-NEWS WARNING ENDS...

WHAT WILL WE DO... EVACUATE METROPOLIS?

IF I KNOW MUTO, THERE WON'T BE TIME FOR THAT! LET'S SEPARATE AND FIND SUPERMAN! HE'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!



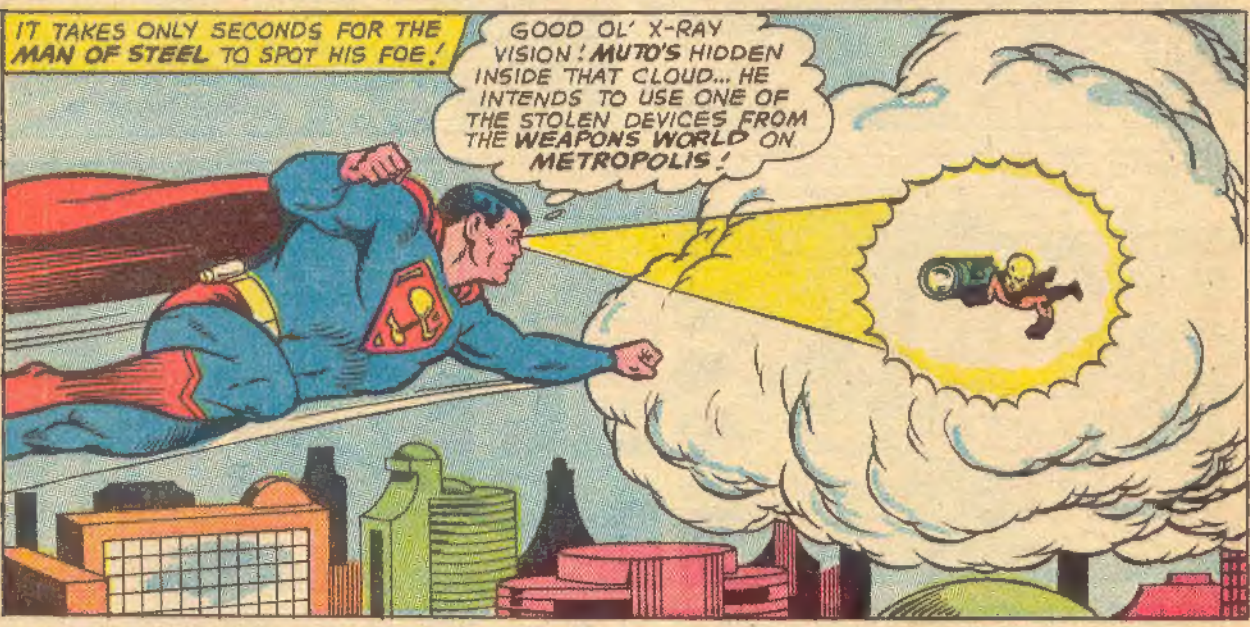
FINDING SUPERMAN IS A CINCH FOR KLAR KEN T5477!



OKAY, MUTO! I'M READY TO TAKE WHATEVER YOU CAN DISH OUT... AND FLING IT RIGHT BACK IN YOUR FACE!

IT TAKES ONLY SECONDS FOR THE MAN OF STEEL TO SPOT HIS FOE!

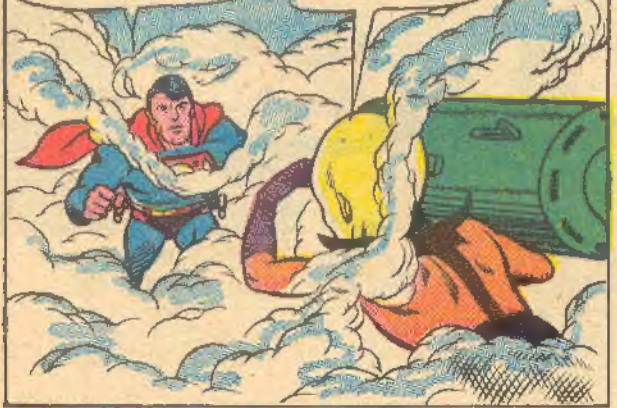
GOOD OL' X-RAY VISION! MUTO'S HIDDEN INSIDE THAT CLOUD... HE INTENDS TO USE ONE OF THE STOLEN DEVICES FROM THE WEAPONS WORLD ON METROPOLIS!



AND FASTER THAN LIGHTNING, SUPERMAN STRIKES!

YOUR CLOUD TRICK FIZZLED, MUTO! YOU'RE NOT STORMING ANY CITIES TODAY!

ONCE A SUCKER, ALWAYS A SUCKER, EH, SUPERMAN? DID YOU FORGET MY ABILITY TO SEND OUT MENTAL WAVES WHICH ALTER MATTER?



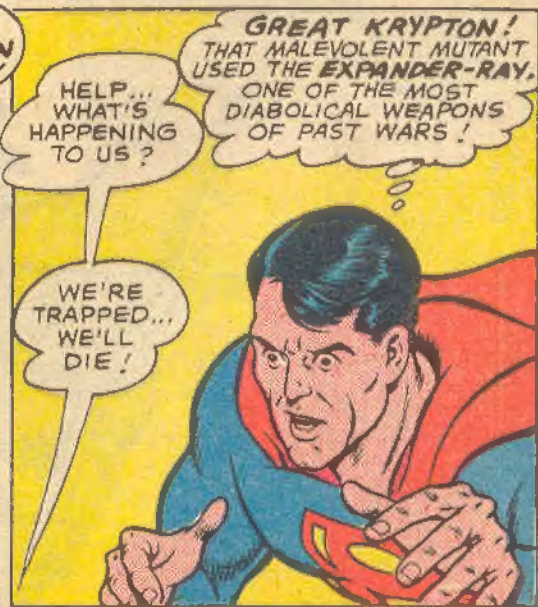
FOR INSTANCE, IT'S CHILD'S PLAY TO CONDENSE THE CLOUD AROUND US INTO WATER, LIKE THE SEA FROM WHICH IT AROSE!

IT'S PARALYZED ME AGAIN... I'M HELPLESS, FALLING...



CONTINUED ON 3RD PAGE FOLLOWING.

THEN, AS SUPERMAN PLUMMETS EARTHWARD
INSIDE THE FALLING WATER...



AND WHAT DOES THAT
DEVICE DO? GIVE A LOOK!

WE'RE SHOOTING
UP LIKE CRAZY! I'M
STUCK FAST IN THIS
DOORWAY!

WE'RE ALREADY
TOO BIG TO GET OUT
THROUGH THE
WINDOWS AND
ELEVATOR DOORS!

IN THE
DAILY INTERPLANETARY NEWS OFFICES...

HAVE MY
OPTIC-LENSES
GONE HAYWIRE,
OR ARE YOU
HUMANS
GETTING
TALLER?

YOUR "EYES" ARE
OKAY, PW! BUT ONLY
LIVING THINGS ARE
EXPANDING! IT'S A
GOOD THING MODERN
CLOTHES HAVE PLENTY
OF **STRETCH**!

IF THIS KEEPS
UP, EITHER THE
WALLS AND
CEILINGS GO,
OR WE DO!

AND AS THE EXPANDER'S
AWFUL EFFECT CONTINUES...

OUR HUGE BULK
CRACKED OPEN THE
JET-BUS FROM
INSIDE!

WE'RE DOOMED...
WE'LL SOON BE TOO
BIG TO MOVE! ONLY
SUPERMAN MIGHT'VE
HELPED, BUT HE FLEW
AWAY AND DESERTED
US!

BETTER EAT THOSE WORDS, BUDDY! OUR SUPER-CHAMP IS BACK FROM A SUPER-SWIFT TRIP!

I HAD TO GO TO THE MUSEUM WORLD, WHERE RELICS OF THOUSANDS OF PLANETS ARE KEPT. TO GET THIS APPARATUS, USED IN WAR-TIME AS A DEFENSE AGAINST THE EXPANDER... IT'LL SHRINK THINGS BACK TO NORMAL!

WE'RE GETTING SMALLER AGAIN! SUPERMAN CAME THROUGH, AFTER ALL!

THEN...

THAT'S THAT! NOW TO CATCH UP WITH MUTO AND THIS TIME, WE'RE PLAYING FOR ALL THE MARBLES! HE KNOWS MY VULNERABILITY, BUT HE'LL NEVER GUESS THAT I'VE FIGURED OUT HIS!

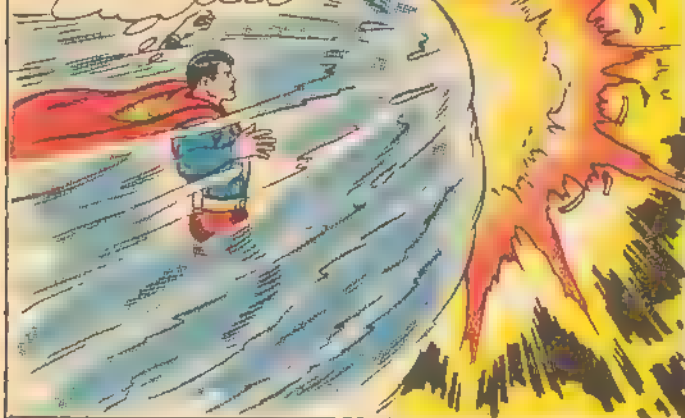
TELESCOPIC VISION AND SUPER-SPEED SOON LOCATE THE MAD MUTANT!

MUTO AND HIS TWO HENCHMEN ARE IN THAT ROCKET-SHIP, GETTING READY TO LAUNCH MORE OF THE STOLEN WEAPONS AT ME!

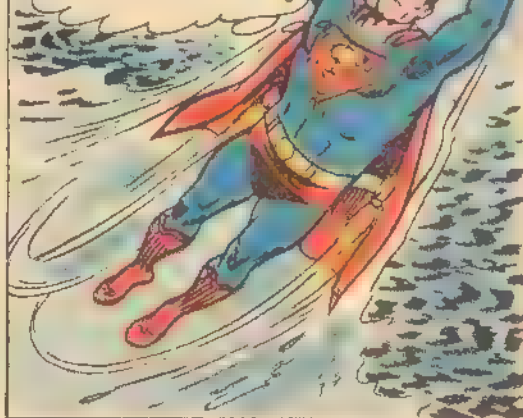
HELIUM BOMBS... THE MOST POWERFUL IN THE UNIVERSE! BUT THEY MIGHT AS WELL BE SPITBALLS FOR ALL THE DAMAGE THEY DO TO ME!

WATCH IT, **SUPERMAN!** THAT LAST BOMB IS A DOOZY!

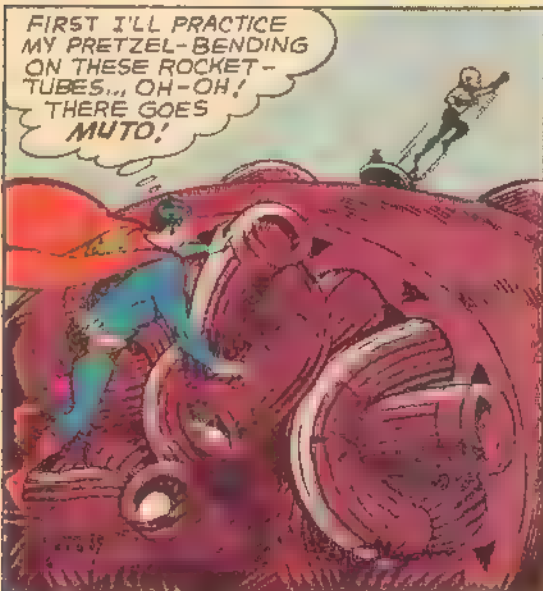
IT'S FILLED WITH **WATER**,
COMPRESSED BY **MUTO'S**
MIND-OVER-MATTER
POWER! MUTO'S TRYING
TO FORCE ME INTO THE
SEA...



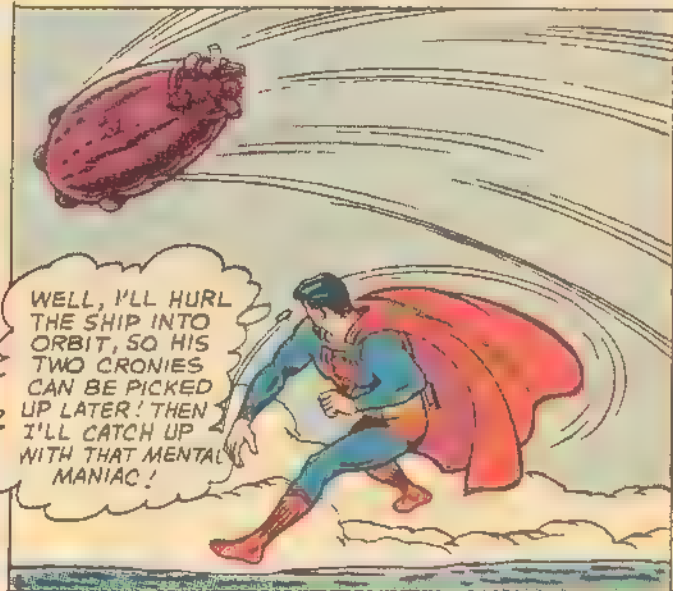
...BUT MY
AUTOMATIC FLYING-
JET PULLED ME OUT
OF IT AGAIN... AND
NOW IT'S MY TURN!



FIRST I'LL PRACTICE
MY PRETZEL-BENDING
ON THESE ROCKET-
TUBES... OH-OH!
THERE GOES
MUTO!

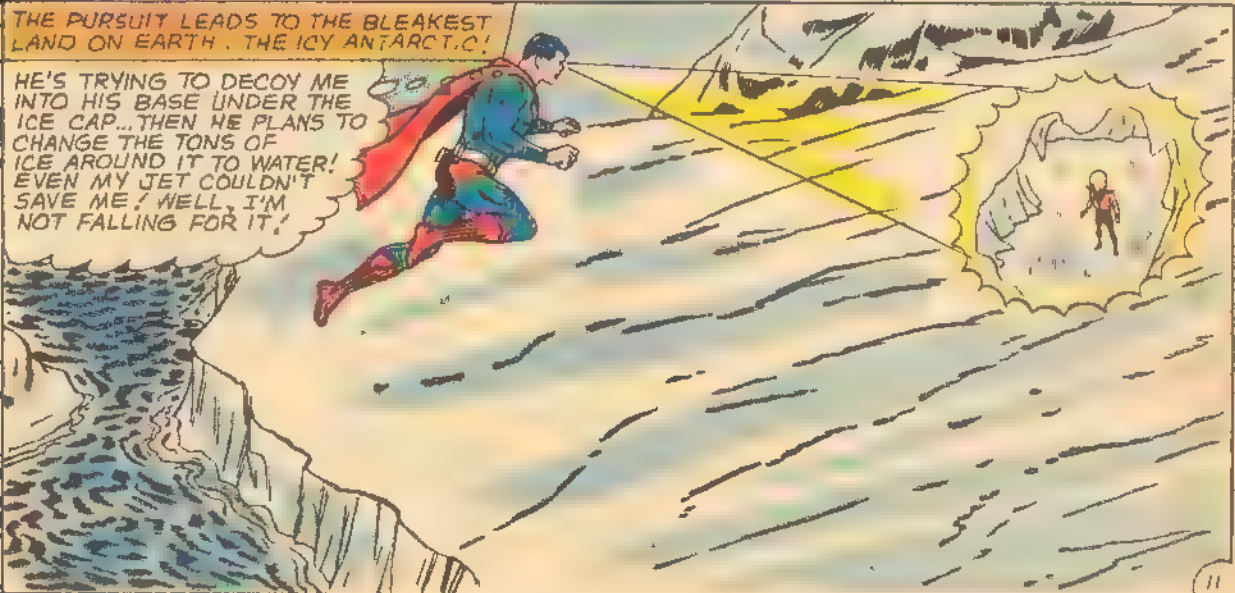


WELL, I'LL HURL
THE SHIP INTO
ORBIT, SO HIS
TWO CRONIES
CAN BE PICKED
UP LATER! THEN
I'LL CATCH UP
WITH THAT MENTAL
MANIAC!

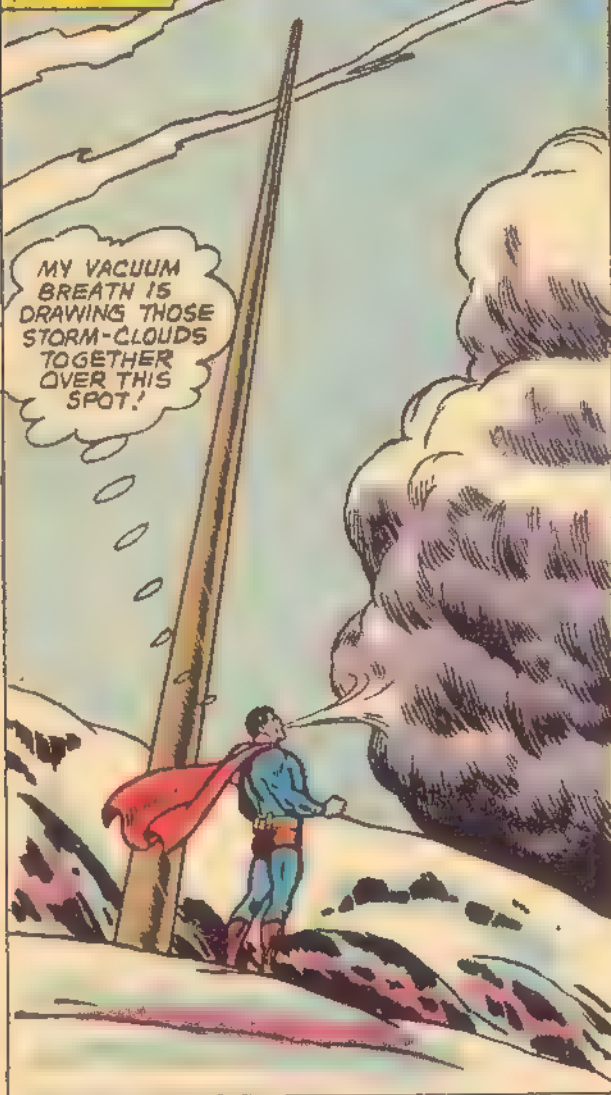


THE PURSUIT LEADS TO THE BLEAKEST
LAND ON EARTH... THE ICY ANTARCTIC!

HE'S TRYING TO DECOY ME
INTO HIS BASE UNDER THE
ICE CAP... THEN HE PLANS TO
CHANGE THE TONS OF
ICE AROUND IT TO WATER!
EVEN MY JET COULDN'T
SAVE ME! WELL, I'M
NOT FALLING FOR IT!

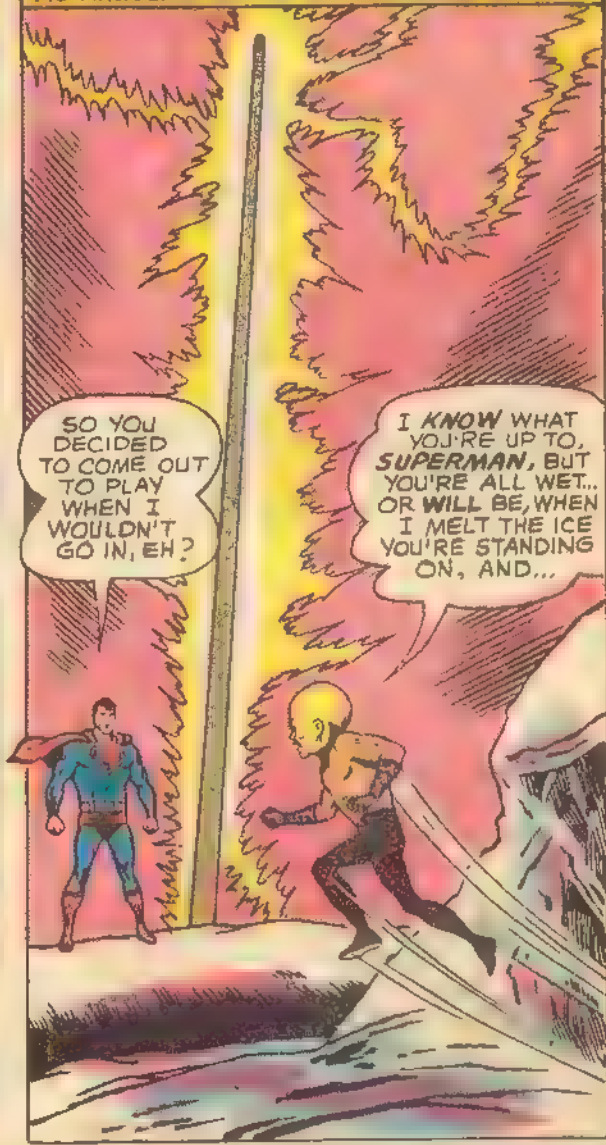


SMELTING METAL FROM ROCK WITH HIS BARE HANDS, SUPERMAN FASHIONS A GIANT ROD, AND THEN...



MY VACUUM BREATH IS DRAWING THOSE STORM-CLOUDS TOGETHER OVER THIS SPOT!

AS AWESOME BOLTS OF LIGHTNING CRASH...



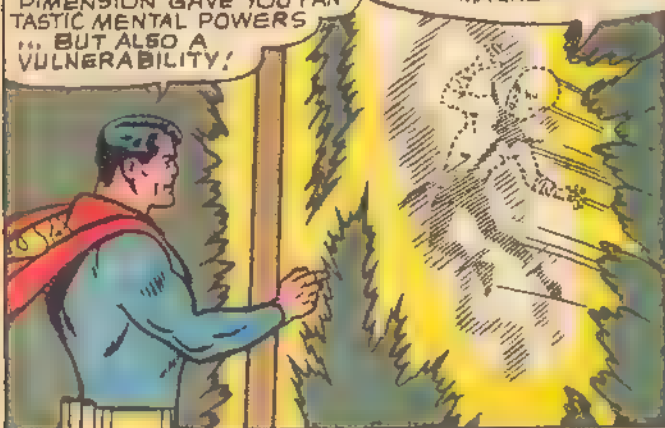
SO YOU DECIDED TO COME OUT TO PLAY WHEN I WOULDN'T GO IN, EH?

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO, SUPERMAN, BUT YOU'RE ALL WET... OR WILL BE, WHEN I MELT THE ICE YOU'RE STANDING ON, AND...

AT THAT MOMENT, THE TITANIC DISCHARGE OF ELECTRIC FORCE HAS THE EFFECT SUPERMAN PLANNED!

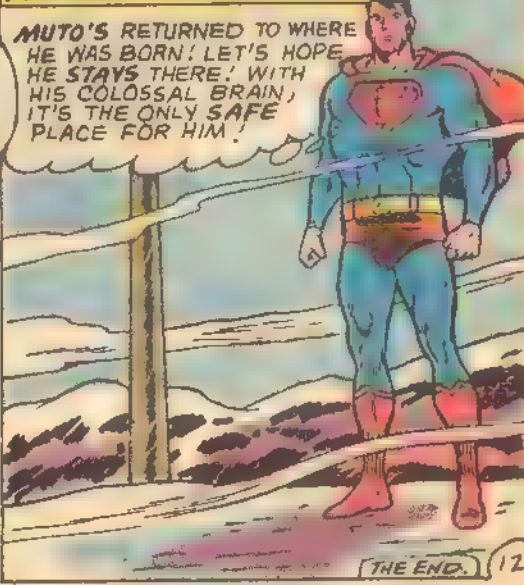
A SUPER-ELECTRIC DISCHARGE CAN OPEN A SPACE-WARP INTO ANOTHER DIMENSION! BEING BORN IN THAT DIMENSION GAVE YOU FANTASTIC MENTAL POWERS... BUT ALSO A VULNERABILITY!

YOU GUESSED IT! BECAUSE IT'S MY HOME DIMENSION, A FORCE IS YANKING ME THROUGH THE WARP AS A NAIL IS DRAWN BY A MAGNET!



AND WHEN THE WARP CLOSES...

MUTO'S RETURNED TO WHERE HE WAS BORN! LET'S HOPE HE STAYS THERE! WITH HIS COLOSSAL BRAIN, IT'S THE ONLY SAFE PLACE FOR HIM!



Metropolis Mailbag

Dear Editor: This is the first time I've ever written to one of your fabulous mags, but the three-part story about Luthor's psychological warfare against Superman was so great I just had to tell you how much I enjoyed it. I don't know whether this has ever been suggested before, but why not give Luthor his own mag? You could have him teaming up with such baddies as Brainiac, Clayface, the Bizarros, the Joker, Mr. Mxyzpilk, the Top, the Toyman and the Riddler. I'm sure other Luthor "fans" would like to see more of our favorite villain and this would certainly assure it. —George Barnes, Buena Park, Calif.

(Seems to us you're rooting for the villain, instead of the hero. And what would the Comic Code Authority say about our publishing a magazine featuring all criminals? If the heroes captured them all at the end of every story, each succeeding issue would have to begin with their breaking out of jail—and that would be pretty monotonous! Ed.)

Dear Editor: I just finished reading ACTION No. 335 for the fifth time. There isn't a word in the whole English language great enough to describe it. I can't wait till the next issue to find out what happens to Supergirl! Was I shocked when I saw her face! I keep wondering how she's going to get out of this fix. Keep up the good work with your excellent stories. —Gladys Seiverling, Hershey, Pa.

(If we've ever had any misgivings for running our occasional continued stories, your reaction—typical of the majority of comments to reach our desk—has given us a vote of confidence. Can you imagine us trying to cram all the suspense, action, thrills and drama in that adventure into 12 pages? So, as long you genial fans stick with us, we guarantee not to let you down. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: My conscience wouldn't let me sleep if I didn't write in and tell you how marvelous "The Prize of Peril" is! It had me wondering what the prize would be—and it turned out to be exactly what I never imagined it would be. By the way, I especially like stories in which Superman battles someone without his super-powers. About how many people has the Man of Steel battled when he had no powers? —Jeff Johnson, Broken Arrow, Okla.

(There was a caveman in "The Nightmare Ordeal of Superman"; several men in "The Demon under the Red Sun"; a dictator and his whole army in "Superman under the Green Sun"; a gang of Kryptonian crooks and a band of super-villains in the recent "Invulnerable Super-Foe" in WORLD'S FINEST. And, of course, there were the many times he's been without powers when he acted as Nightman, the "Batman" of the bottle-city of Kandor. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: I dare you to do a story in which you

show what would have happened if Superbaby had landed in Russia instead of America, and had been brought up as a Communist. I doubt that you'll have the courage to print this letter, much less publish such a tale. —Victoria Phillips, Long Beach, Calif.

(It isn't lack of courage that nixes our using your idea—just that it's against our policy to indulge in politics. Our stories are strictly for entertainment—even though we'd bet the Man of Steel would crash through the Iron Curtain to show his contempt of Russia's dictators. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: I read both SUPERMAN and ACTION and I enjoy them very much. But the letter columns have the same title: METROPOLIS MAILBAG. Why not call the ACTION column COMMENTS TO THE COUSINS, or something like that? —Jerry Harrington, Plainfield, Iowa,

(Not a bad idea. Does anyone else have a better suggestion for a title? —Ed.)

Dear Editor: Boy, did you goof on the origin of Supergirl in your recent 80 PAGE GIANT! I've seen some mistakes in my time, but this one's too much. You stated that the people of Argo City died from Kryptonite poisoning. But it is well-known that Kryptonians without super-powers are immune to Kryptonite radiations. Since the people of Argo City had no super-powers, how could the Green K wipe them out? —Bill G. Lieu, Los Angeles, Calif.

(We answered this once before, but since it's been some time, we'll do it again. In ACTION No. 309 ("The Untold Story of Argo City") it was revealed that Zor-El, Supergirl's father, used a jet drive to guide Argo City to a yellow-sun system, where everyone had super-powers. But a fanatic named Jer-Em used his powers to fly out and turn the city back to its own system—and in doing so, he flew next to the Green K on which the city stood—without harm! The answer—this was Anti-Kryptonite, which is only harmful to Kryptonians who have no super-powers. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: The thing I like best about Supergirl is that she dresses like a girl. Don't laugh—I've seen some Brand I mags in which the super-heroines wear exactly the same kind of uniforms as the heroes. Wouldn't it be silly for Supergirl to go around in a Superman costume? Say I, give me a girl who looks like one! —Doug Jason, Baton Rouge, La.

(Our sentiments exactly! Maybe Brand I needs a new fashion designer—but we have our own Dior sewed up with a long-term contract, so they'll never get him! —Ed.)

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SUPERGIRL

SUPERMAN

I AM DESTROYING
METROPOLIS

BRAINIAC

WATCH OUT, EARTH! **BRAINIAC**, THE GREATEST SPACE-VILLAIN OF 'EM ALL, IS BACK... WITH AN ARSENAL OF BRAND-NEW WEAPONS DESIGNED TO WIPE OUT **SUPER-MAN**! BUT INSTEAD OF THE **MAN OF STEEL**, THE COMPUTER-BRAINED CROOK FINDS HIMSELF FIGHTING THE **MAID OF STEEL**! AND IT LOOKS LIKE **SUPER-GIRL'S** IN FOR THE BATTLE OF HER YOUNG LIFE, WHEN SHE FACES...

**"BRAINIAC'S
BLITZ!"**

BRAINIAC'S TRYING TO LURE SUPERMAN HERE FOR A SHOW-DOWN FIGHT... BUT HE'S OFF ON A SPACE MISSION! THE ONLY THING THAT STANDS BETWEEN METROPOLIS AND TOTAL DESTRUCTION IS... GULP!

... ME!

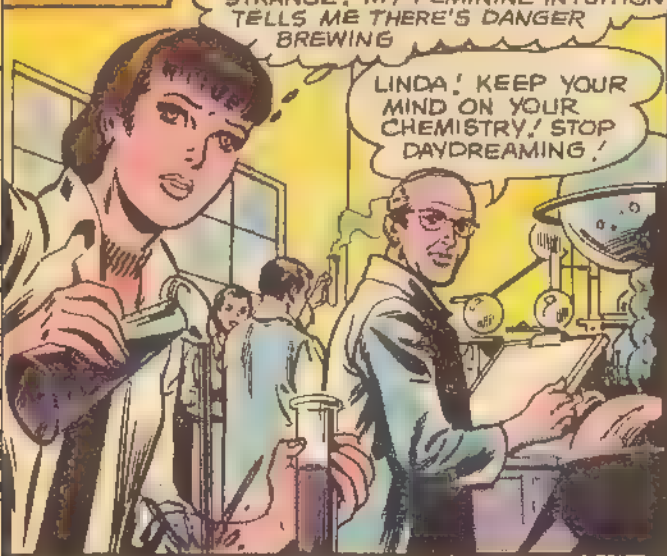
ONE DAY, AS **SUPERMAN** CALLS ON LINDA LEE DANVERS...

LINDA, I MUST LEAVE EARTH ON AN URGENT JOB WITH THE **JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA**! YOU'LL HAVE TO HOLD THE FORT AS **SUPERGIRL**!

CHECK, COUSIN!

THE WHOLE **JUSTICE LEAGUE** GOING ON A SPACE MISSION! I WISH I WERE ONE OF THEM! MAYBE, SOME DAY...

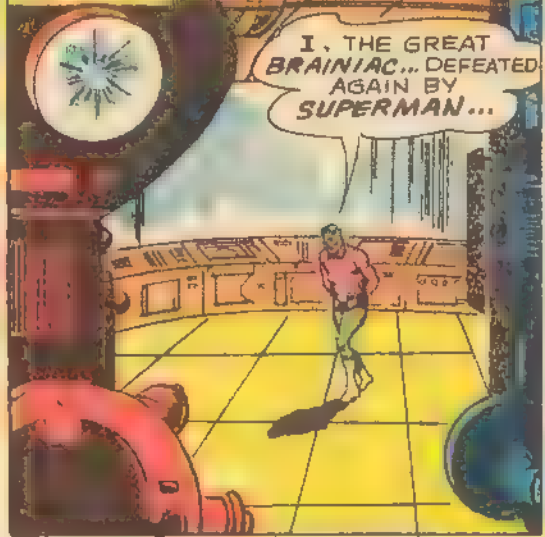
LATER, AS LINDA ATTENDS CLASSES AT STANHOPE COLLEGE...



STRANGE! MY FEMININE INTUITION TELLS ME THERE'S DANGER BREWING

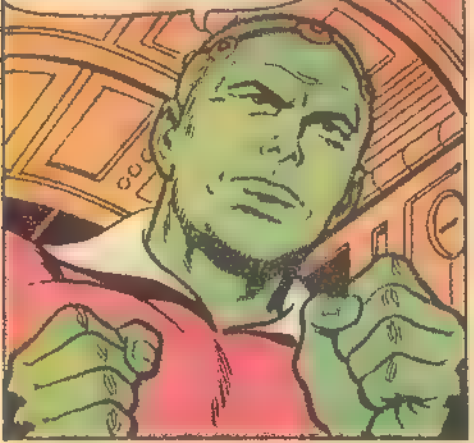
LINDA! KEEP YOUR MIND ON YOUR CHEMISTRY! STOP DAYDREAMING!

IS LINDA'S SUPER-INTUITION RIGHT? LET'S LOOK IN AT A SCENE ON A DISTANT ASTEROID...

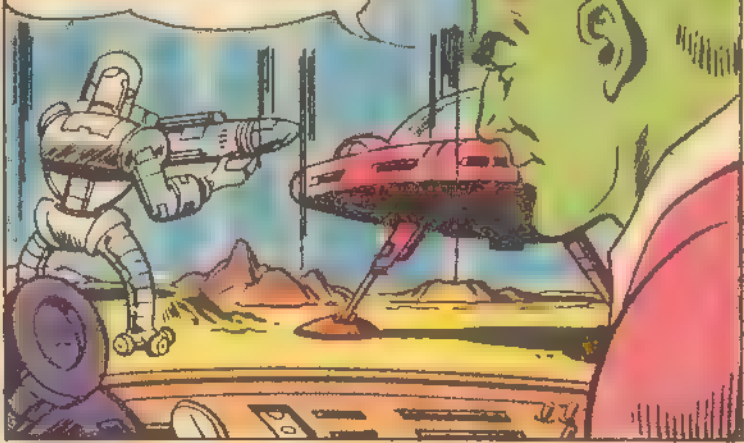


I, THE GREAT BRAINIAC... DEFEATED AGAIN BY SUPERMAN...

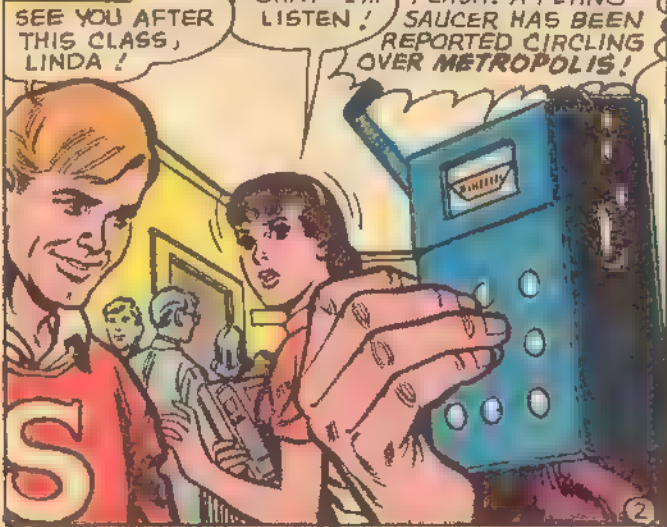
EVEN COMBINING MY 12TH-LEVEL BRAIN WITH THE SCIENTIFIC GENIUS OF LUTHOR DIDN'T ENABLE ME TO BEAT MY SUPER-FOE! BUT I'LL FINISH HIM THIS TIME... WITH NO HELP FROM ANYONE!



I'VE RECENTLY PERFECTED NEW, AWESOME WEAPONS! WHEN MY ROBOT MECHANICS FINISH INSTALLING THEM IN MY SPACESHIP, I'LL BE OFF FOR EARTH--AND MY SHOW-DOWN WITH SUPERMAN!



A FEW HOURS LATER, IN A HALLWAY AT STANHOPE...

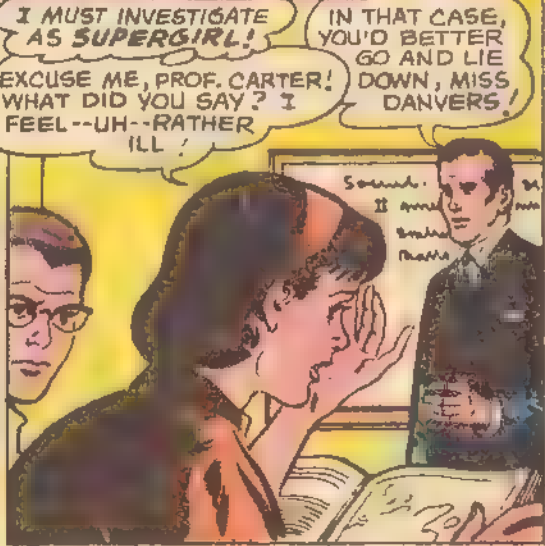


OKAY! I... LISTEN!

FLASH! A FLYING SAUCER HAS BEEN REPORTED CIRCLING OVER METROPOLIS!

SEE YOU AFTER THIS CLASS, LINDA!

IN LINDA'S NEXT CLASS...



I MUST INVESTIGATE AS SUPERGIRL!

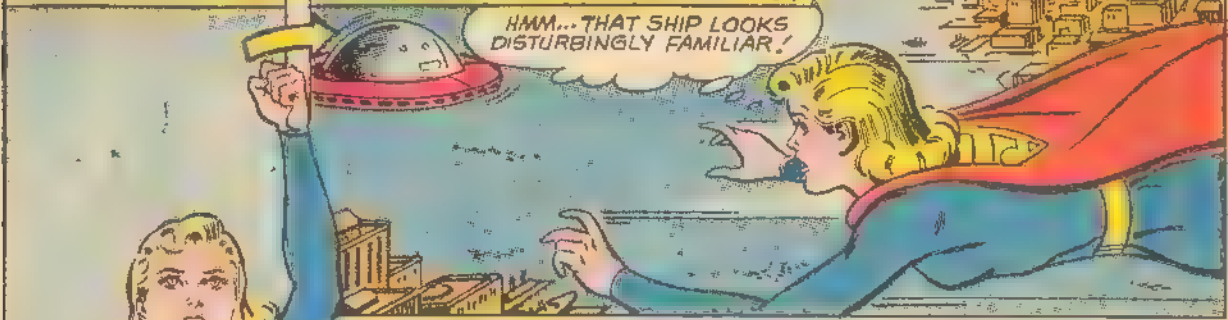
IN THAT CASE, YOU'D BETTER GO AND LIE DOWN, MISS DANVERS!

EXCUSE ME, PROF. CARTER! WHAT DID YOU SAY? I FEEL--UH--RATHER ILL!

MOMENTS AFTER...

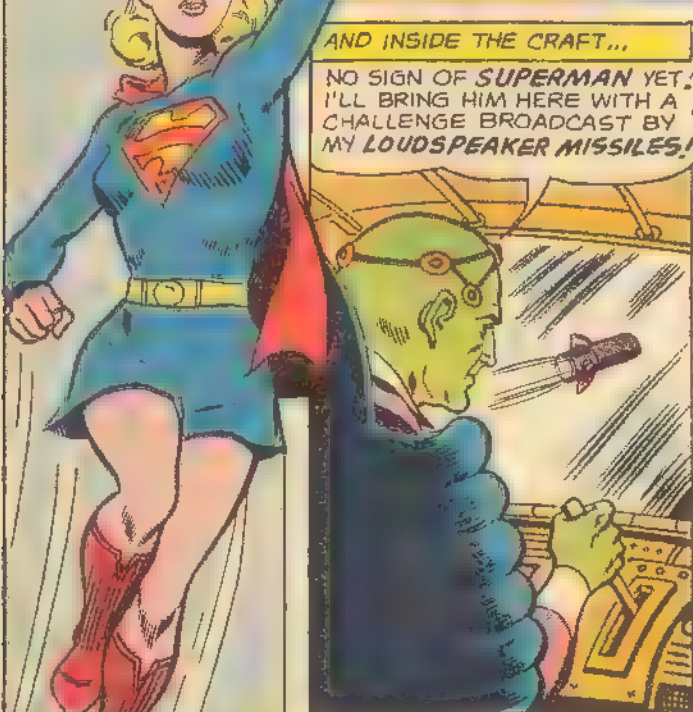
SOON, HIGH ABOVE METROPOLIS...

HMM... THAT SHIP LOOKS
DISTURBINGLY FAMILIAR!



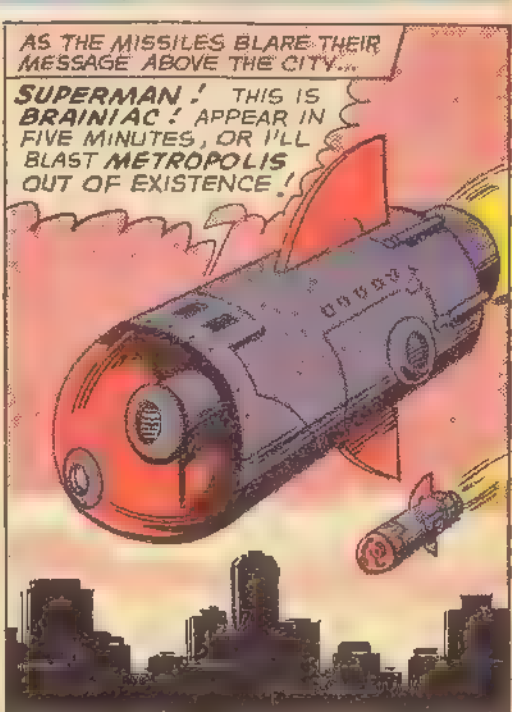
AND INSIDE THE CRAFT...

NO SIGN OF **SUPERMAN** YET!
I'LL BRING HIM HERE WITH A
CHALLENGE BROADCAST BY
MY **LOUDSPEAKER MISSILES!**



AS THE MISSILES BLARE THEIR
MESSAGE ABOVE THE CITY...

SUPERMAN! THIS IS
BRAINIAC! APPEAR IN
FIVE MINUTES, OR I'LL
BLAST **METROPOLIS**
OUT OF EXISTENCE!



ON THE STREET BELOW...

BRAINIAC! WELL, IF HE SHOWS UP!
SUPERMAN WILL WHERE IS THE
BEAT HIM HERE WITH A **MAN OF STEEL?**
AGAIN!

HOLY HAT!
SUPERGIRL! WONDER
WHAT **SHE** WAS
DOING HERE?

DON'T YOU
READ THE PAPERS?
THE WHOLE **JLA'S**
ON A SPACE
MISSION!

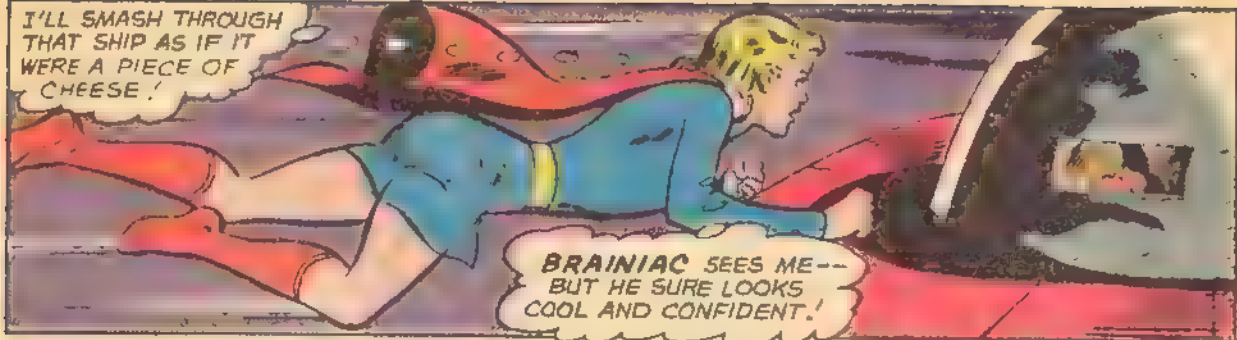
THEN
WE'RE
DEFENSELESS.
DOOMED!



BUT HIGH IN THE SKY...

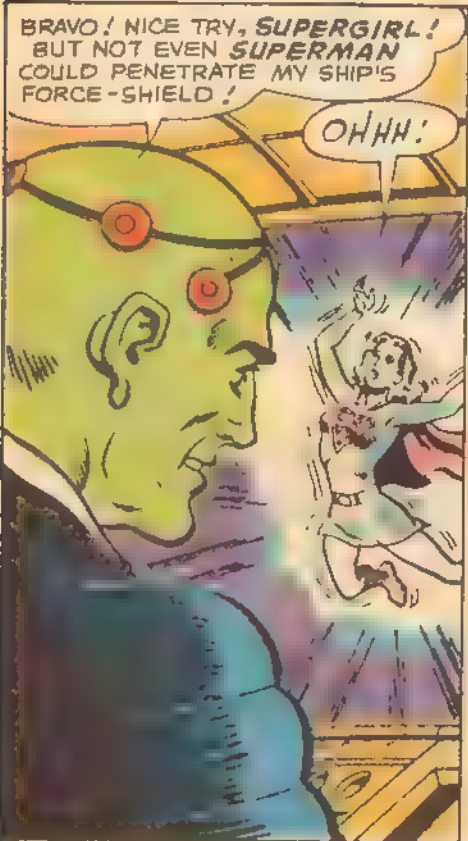
BRAINIAC HAS FANTASTIC
WEAPONS, WITH WHICH HE MIGHT EVEN
BE ABLE TO WHIP **SUPERMAN!**
BUT IT'S UP TO ME TO STOP
THAT VILLAIN! HERE GOES
NOTHING!





I'LL SMASH THROUGH THAT SHIP AS IF IT WERE A PIECE OF CHEESE!

BRAINIAC SEES ME-- BUT HE SURE LOOKS COOL AND CONFIDENT!

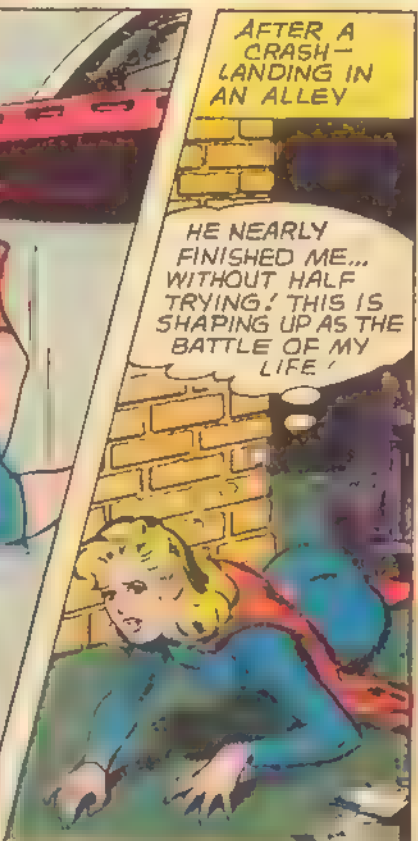


BRavo! NICE TRY, **SUPERGIRL!** BUT NOT EVEN **SUPERMAN** COULD PENETRATE MY SHIP'S FORCE-SHIELD!

OHhh!



!WHEW!! HE MUST'VE BEEFED UP THAT SHIELD'S POWER! IT KNOCKED ME SILLY!



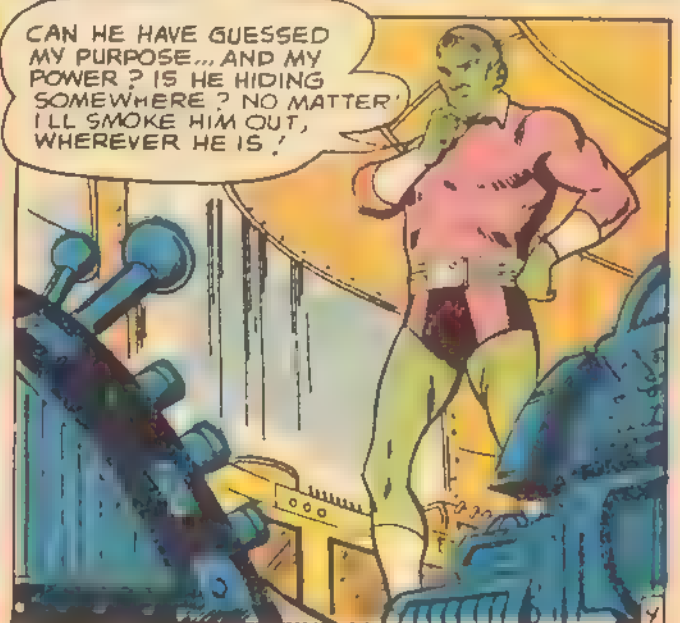
AFTER A CRASH-- LANDING IN AN ALLEY

HE NEARLY FINISHED ME... WITHOUT HALF TRYING! THIS IS SHAPING UP AS THE BATTLE OF MY LIFE!



AND IN THE ARCH-VILLAIN'S SHIP...

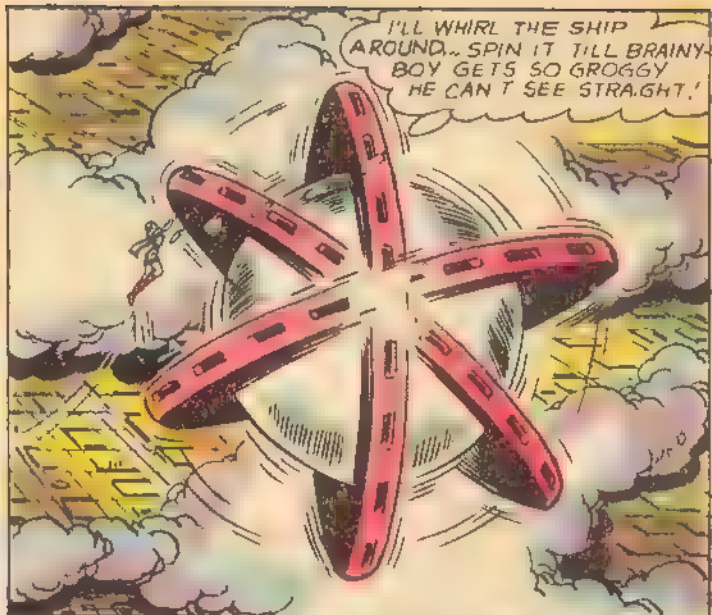
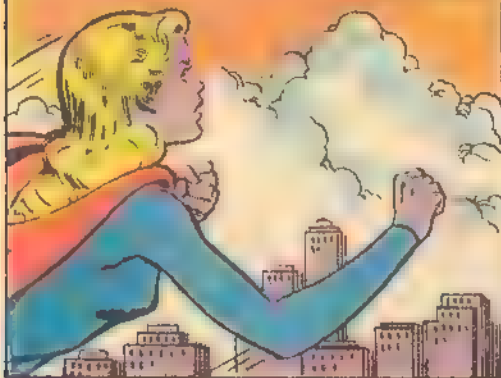
WHERE IS **SUPERMAN**, ANYWAY? HE'S THE ONE I'M AFTER, NOT **SUPERGIRL!**



CAN HE HAVE GUESSED MY PURPOSE... AND MY POWER? IS HE HIDING SOMEWHERE? NO MATTER I'LL SMOKE HIM OUT, WHEREVER HE IS!

OUTSIDE...

MY **DIRECT** ATTACK
FIZZLED! SO NOW I'LL
TRY THE **INDIRECT**
APPROACH!

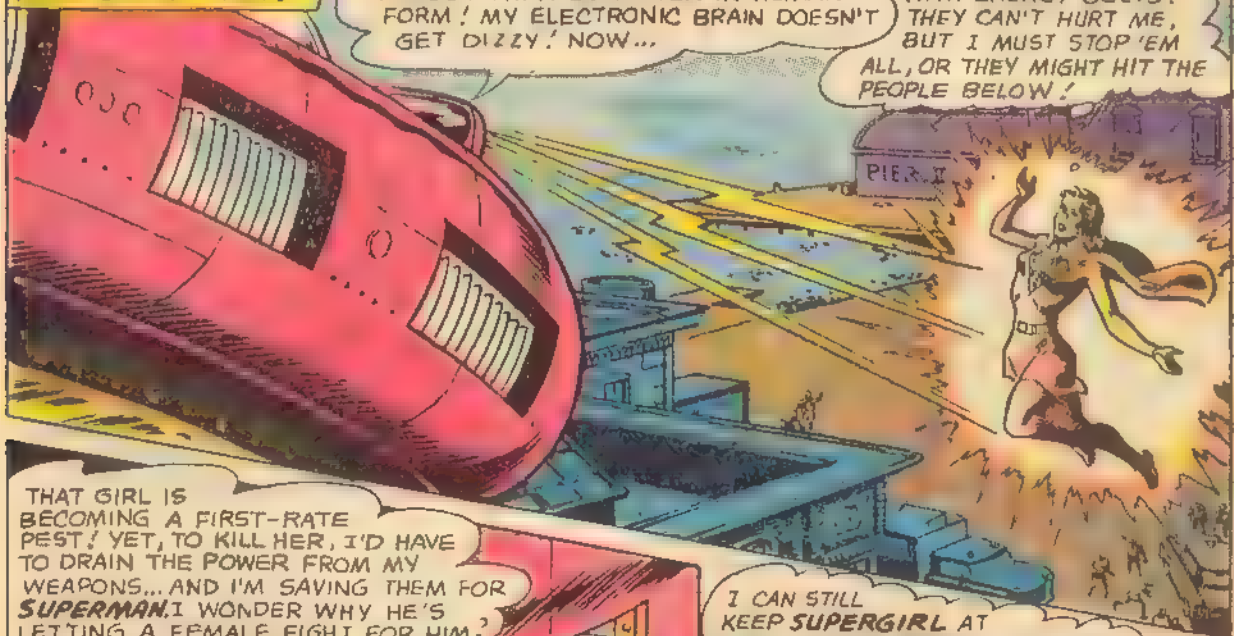


I'LL WHIRL THE SHIP
AROUND... SPIN IT TILL BRAINY-
BOY GETS SO GROGGY
HE CAN'T SEE STRAIGHT!

OH-OH! SCRATCH ONE
MORE BRIGHT IDEA!

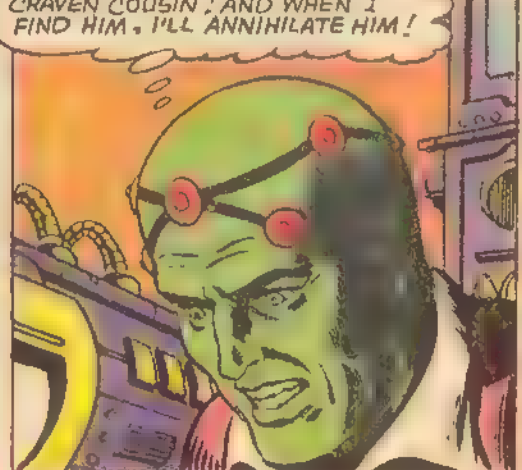
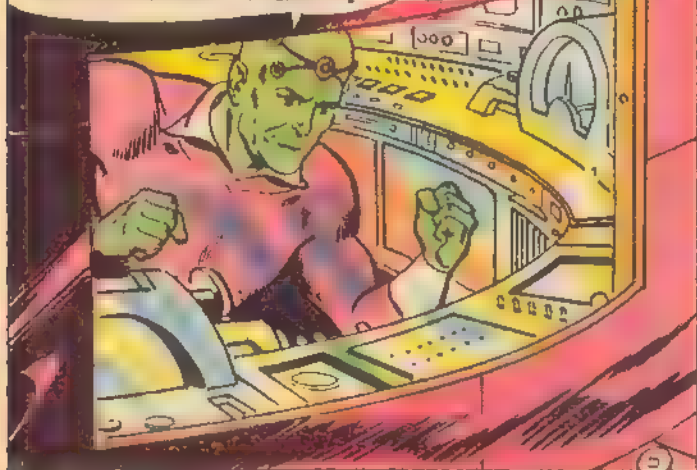
IT WON'T WORK, **SUPERGIRL**! YOU
FORGOT I'M A COMPUTER IN HUMAN
FORM! MY ELECTRONIC BRAIN DOESN'T
GET DIZZY! NOW...

HE'S BOMBARDING ME
WITH ENERGY BOLTS!
THEY CAN'T HURT ME,
BUT I MUST STOP 'EM
ALL, OR THEY MIGHT HIT THE
PEOPLE BELOW!

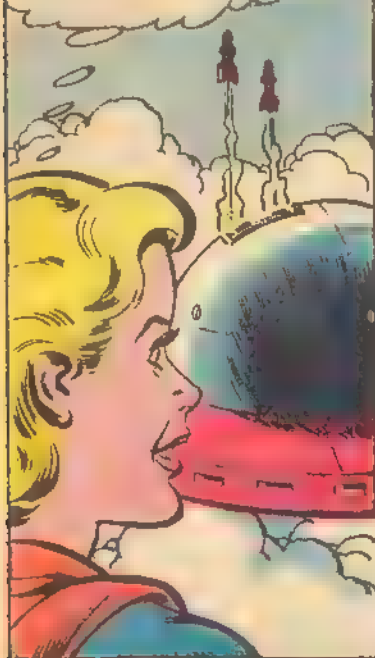


THAT GIRL IS
BECOMING A FIRST-RATE
PEST! YET, TO KILL HER, I'D HAVE
TO DRAIN THE POWER FROM MY
WEAPONS... AND I'M SAVING THEM FOR
SUPERMAN. I WONDER WHY HE'S
LETTING A FEMALE FIGHT FOR HIM.
HAS HE TURNED CHICKEN?

I CAN STILL
KEEP **SUPERGIRL** AT
BAY, WHILE I SEARCH FOR HER
CRAVEN COUSIN! AND WHEN I
FIND HIM, I'LL ANNIHILATE HIM!



WELL, GREEN-BEAN SHUT
OFF HIS BOLT-BARRAGE!
BUT NOW HE'S STAGING A
ROCKET-LAUNCH--
STRAIGHT UP!



SUPERMAN

**I AM
DEMOLISHING
METROPOLIS
BRAINIAC**

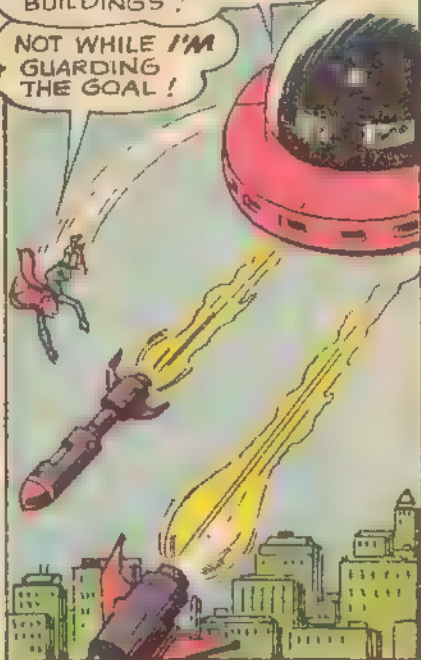


GASP!! THEY
BURST INTO A SUPER-
FIREWORKS DISPLAY!
WHAT A WAY TO SEND A
LETTER WHEN YOU'RE
OUT OF STAMPS!

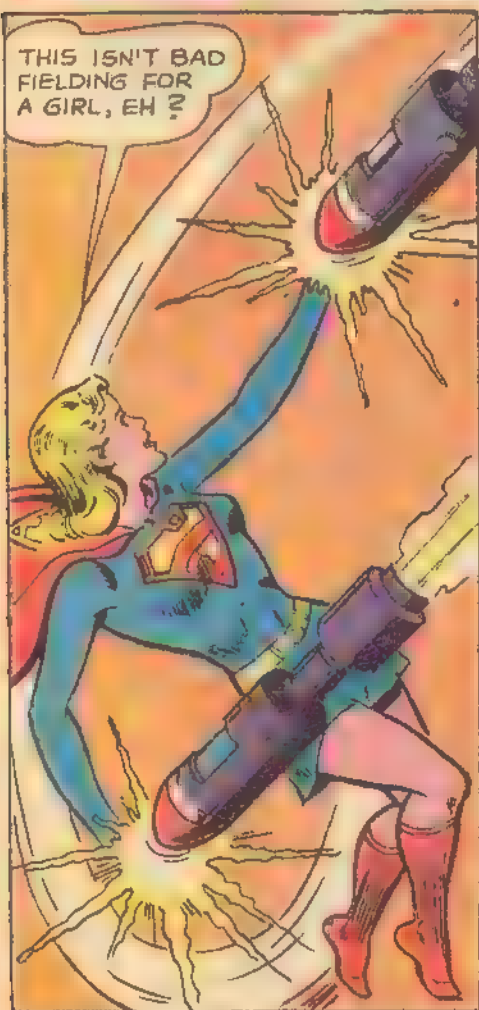
AS THE COMPUTER CROOK
COMMENCES HIS ATTACK...

MY HYPER-MISSILES WILL
SCORE ON YOUR TALLEST
BUILDINGS!

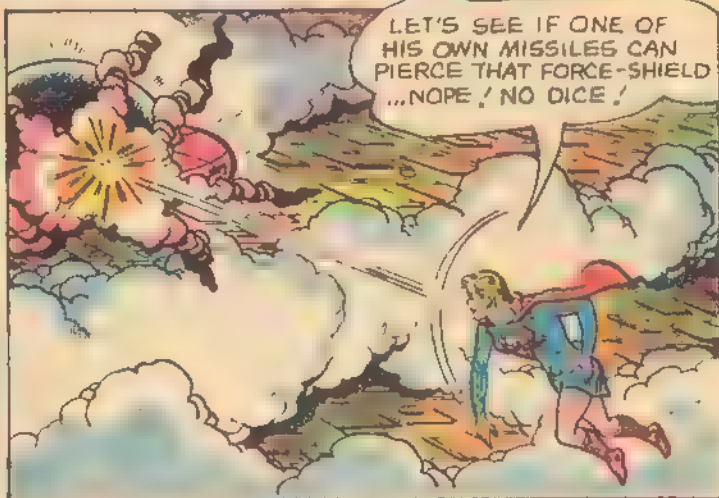
NOT WHILE I'M
GUARDING
THE GOAL!



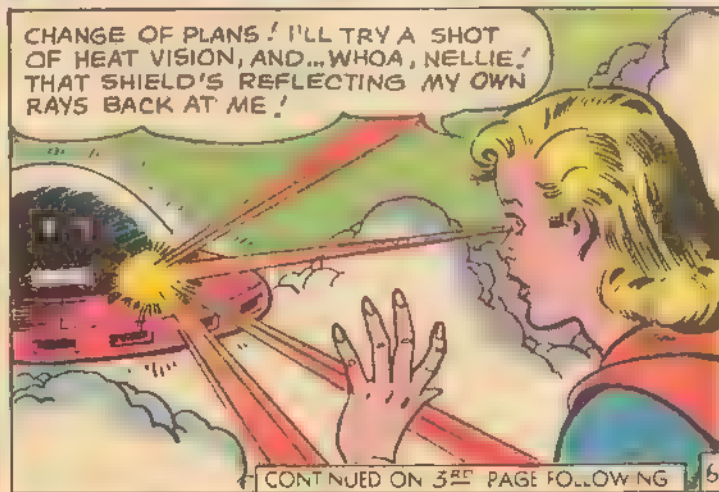
THIS ISN'T BAD
FIELDING FOR
A GIRL, EH?



LET'S SEE IF ONE OF
HIS OWN MISSILES CAN
PIERCE THAT FORCE-SHIELD
...NOPE! NO DICE!



CHANGE OF PLANS! I'LL TRY A SHOT
OF HEAT VISION, AND...WHOA, NELLIE!
THAT SHIELD'S REFLECTING MY OWN
RAYS BACK AT ME!



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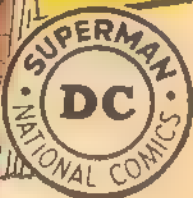
"THIS PROVES MY
CHARGE THAT BATMAN
IS DEAD! A ROBOT
HAS TAKEN HIS
PLACE TO TESTIFY
AGAINST MY CLIENT!"

INCLUDING
A CLASSIC
FROM
BATMAN'S
CASE
BOOK-
WRITTEN BY
THE CAPED
CRUSADER
HIMSELF!

"I WAS
AFRAID YOUNG
BATMAN WOULD
GET INTO TROUBLE
WITH HIS RASH
ACTIONS"

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JUNIOR
AND
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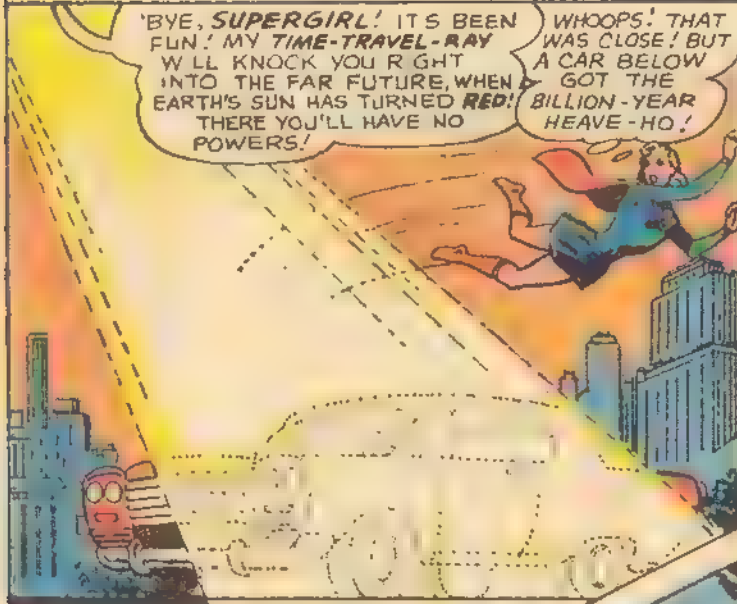
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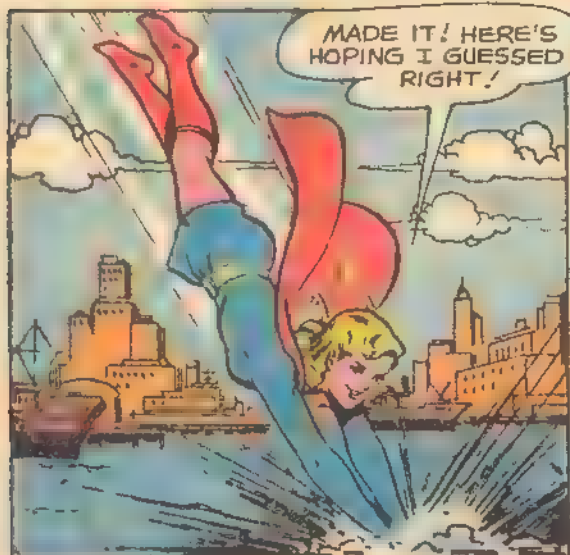
'BYE, **SUPERGIRL!** IT'S BEEN FUN! MY **TIME-TRAVEL-RAY** WILL KNOCK YOU RIGHT INTO THE FAR FUTURE, WHEN EARTH'S SUN HAS TURNED **RED!** THERE YOU'LL HAVE NO POWERS!

WHOOOPS! THAT WAS CLOSE! BUT A CAR BELOW GOT THE **BILLION-YEAR** HEAVE-HO!

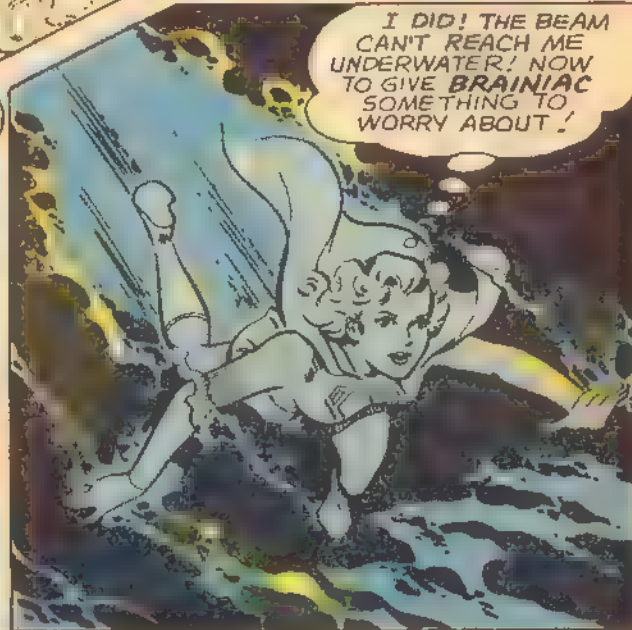
WELL, **TIME-RAY** TAG ISN'T MY GAME! I'LL HEAD FOR THE HARBOR!



MADE IT! HERE'S HOPING I GUESSED RIGHT!



I DID! THE BEAM CAN'T REACH ME UNDERWATER! NOW TO GIVE **BRAINIAC** SOMETHING TO WORRY ABOUT!



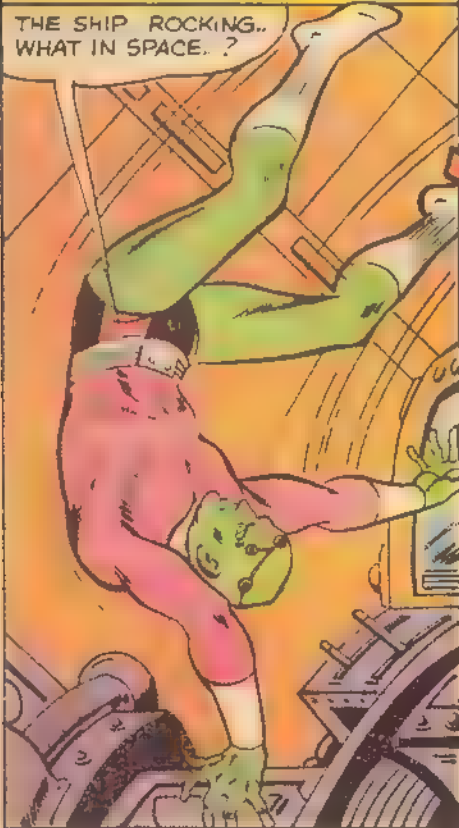
FLASHING UP FROM THE SEA, SOME DISTANCE FROM SHORE. **SUPERGIRL** SEEKS OUT A MIGHTY MASS OF THUNDERHEADS!

THERE'S MORE RAW POWER IN THESE STORM CLOUDS THAN IN AN H-BOMB! I'LL PUFF THEM TOWARD **BRAINIAC'S** SHIP AND SEE IF THE LIGHTNING CAN PENETRATE HIS SHIELD!

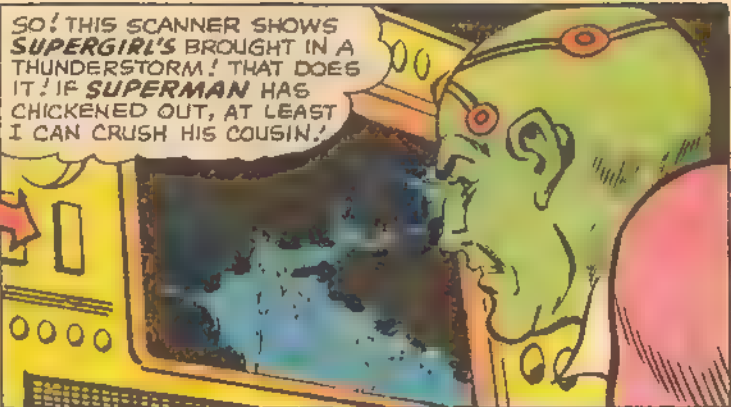


AND INSIDE BRAINIAC'S SAUCER...

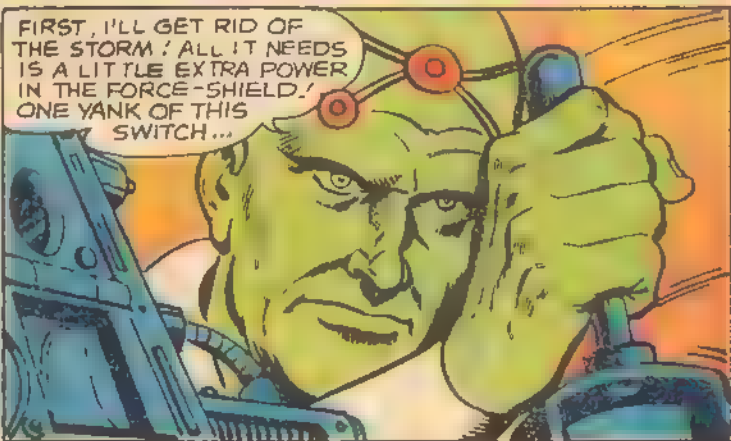
THE SHIP ROCKING...
WHAT IN SPACE.?



SO! THIS SCANNER SHOWS
SUPERGIRL'S BROUGHT IN A
THUNDERSTORM! THAT DOES
IT! IF **SUPERMAN** HAS
CHICKENED OUT, AT LEAST
I CAN CRUSH HIS COUSIN!



FIRST, I'LL GET RID OF
THE STORM! ALL IT NEEDS
IS A LITTLE EXTRA POWER
IN THE FORCE-SHIELD!
ONE YANK OF THIS
SWITCH...



CRASHING COMETS! HE **RIPPED**
THAT THUNDERSTORM TO
SHREDS!



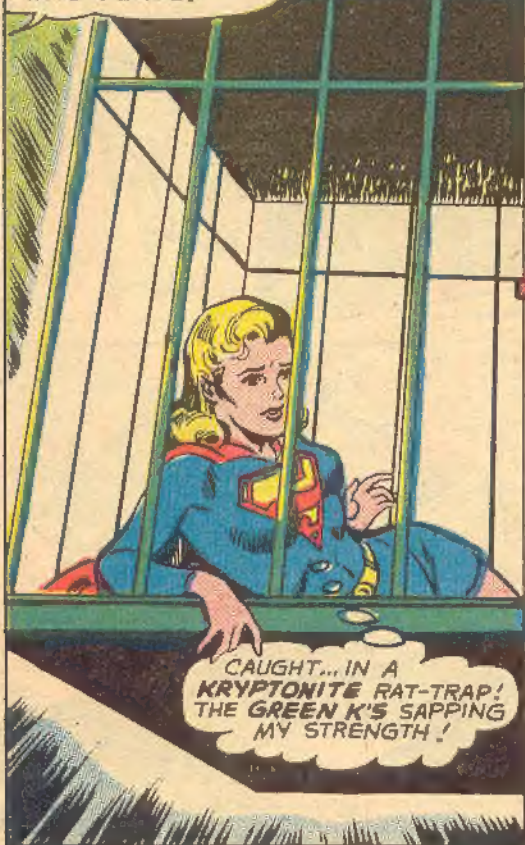
THESE RAYS CAN'T KILL
HER, BUT THEY **ARE** SUPER-
POWERFUL ENOUGH TO
STUN HER! AND BEFORE
SHE RECOVERS...



I'LL LAUNCH THE
KRYPTONITE CAGE I HAD
PREPARED FOR **SUPERMAN**!



HA, HA! MY MAGNETIC
REMOTE CONTROLS HAVE
SNAPPED THE FLOOR
INTO PLACE!



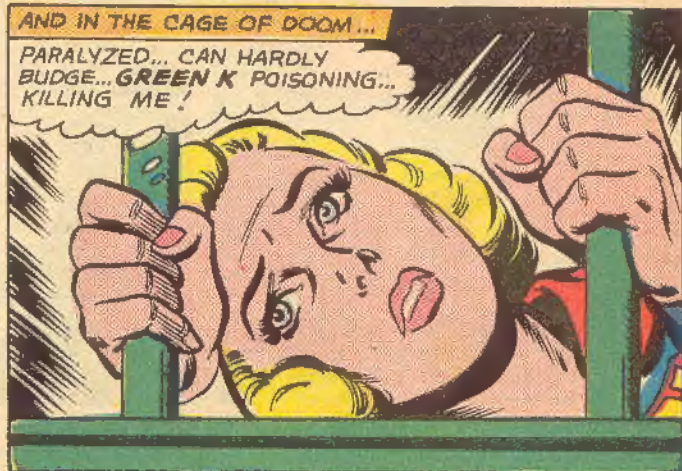
CAUGHT... IN A
KRYPTONITE RAT-TRAP!
THE GREEN K'S SAPPING
MY STRENGTH!

NEXT, I'LL FOCUS THESE
POTENT **OMICRON RAYS** AT
HER! THEY'LL INCREASE THE
POWER OF THE **KRYPTONITE**
RADIATION!

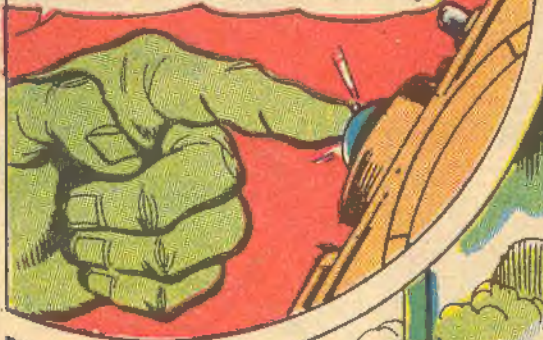


AND IN THE CAGE OF DOOM ...

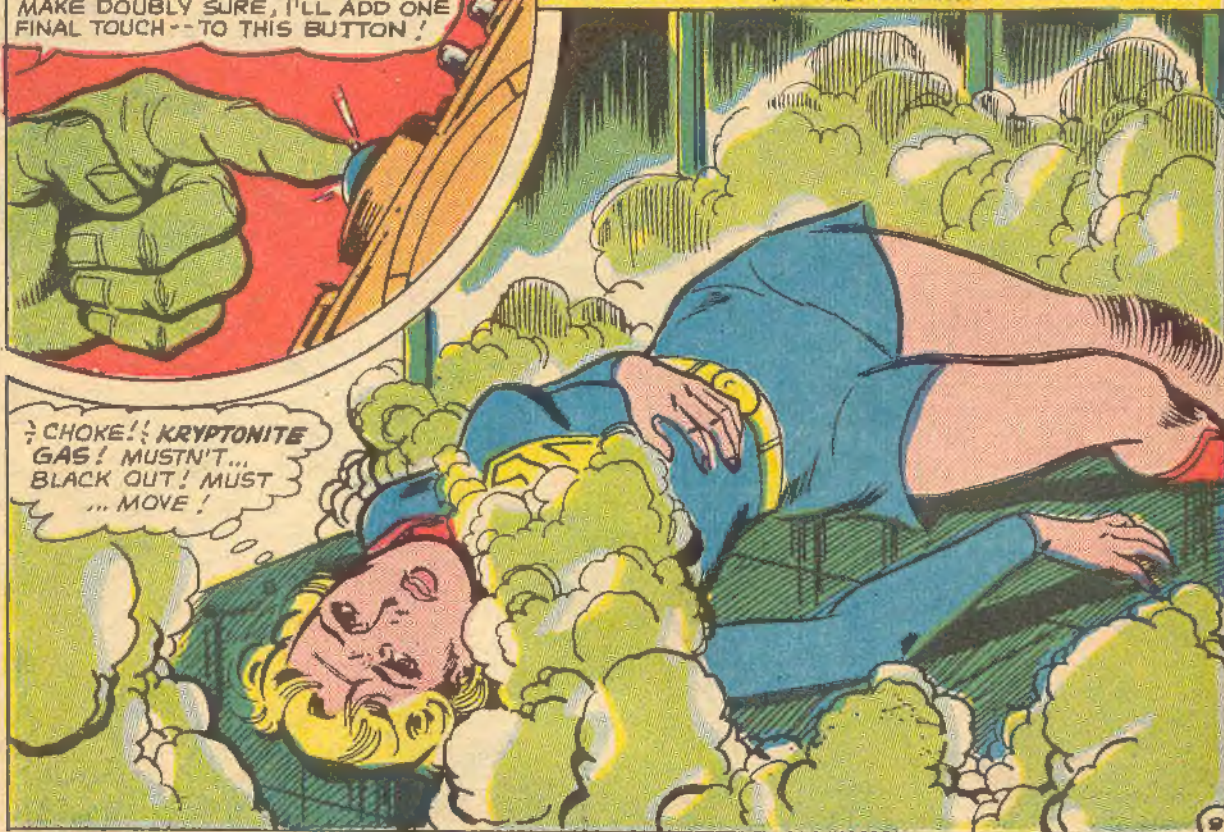
PARALYZED... CAN HARDLY
BUDGE... **GREEN K** POISONING...
KILLING ME!



SHE'S DONE FOR, BUT JUST TO
MAKE DOUBLY SURE, I'LL ADD ONE
FINAL TOUCH--TO THIS BUTTON!



SECONDS LATER, IN **SUPERGIRL'S** DEATH CELL...



CHOKE!! **KRYPTONITE**
GAS! MUSTN'T...
BLACK OUT! MUST
... MOVE!

BUT AS **BRAINIAC** GLOATS OVER HIS EASY VICTORY...

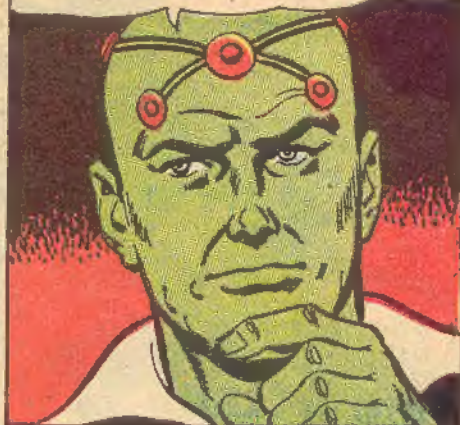
BZZ

NOW TO SIT BACK AND ENJOY HER LAST MOMENTS! WHAT...? MY ALARM! ON THE SCOPE... **SUPERMAN!**

ZZZ
ZZT



HE'S STILL MILLIONS OF MILES AWAY, BUT COMING FAST! HE'LL BE HERE IN TIME TO SAVE **SUPERGIRL**, UNLESS I USE MY **FORCE-SHIELD** AS A WEAPON! AT FULL STRENGTH, IT CAN ANNIHILATE **ANYTHING**...EVEN HER!



ONE FLIP OF THAT SWITCH AND... NO MORE **MAID OF STEEL!**

THERE! THAT WRITES FINIS TO **SUPERGIRL'S** CAREER!

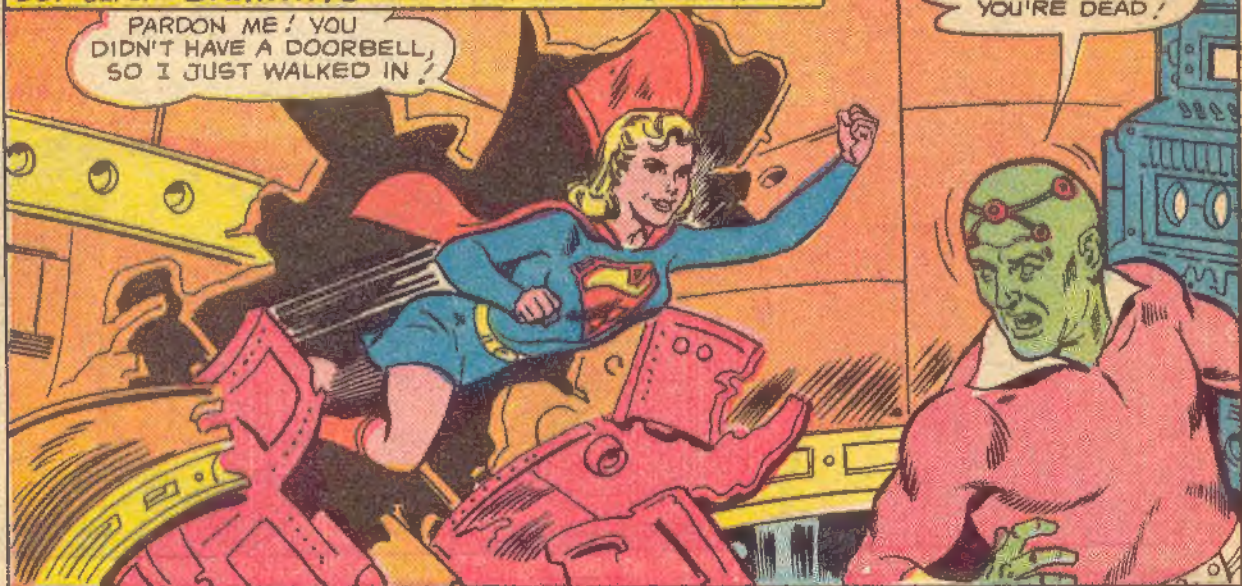
BLAZING OUT WITH UNIMAGINABLE POWER, THE **FORCE-SHIELD-RAY** COMPLETELY DISINTEGRATES THE CAGE AND ITS CONTENTS!

NEXT, BACK TO MY ASTEROID BASE! I'D BE A SITTING DUCK FOR **SUPERMAN**, SINCE I'VE DISSIPATED THE POWER IN MY SHIELD AND WEAPONS! ONCE THEY'RE RE-CHARGED, I CAN HUNT HIM DOWN!

BUT BEFORE **BRAINIAC** CAN REACH THE SHIP'S CONTROLS...

NO! IT CAN'T BE!
YOU'RE DEAD!

PARDON ME! YOU
DIDN'T HAVE A DOORBELL,
SO I JUST WALKED IN!



DON'T WRITE MY OBITUARY YET!
YOU BUILT THAT **GREEN K** CAGE FOR
SUPERMAN... BUT SINCE I'M SMALLER
THAN HE, I WAS ABLE TO SQUEEZE
BETWEEN THE BARS AND FALL
OUT OF RANGE OF THE RAYS
BEFORE YOU FIRED YOUR
FORCE-BURST!

WITH YOUR SHIELD'S POWER GONE, IT
WAS EASY TO GET IN! NOW I BELIEVE
YOU HAVE SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS--
LIKE A SENTENCE AT A CERTAIN SPACE
PRISON YOU ESCAPED FROM!

I WON'T GO
BACK THERE! I
MUST ESCAPE!

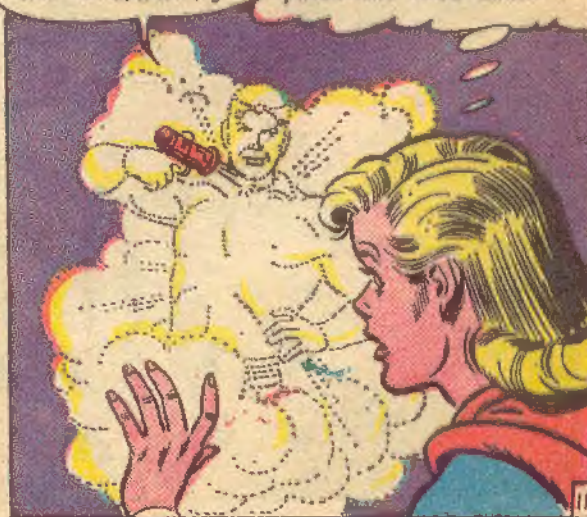


HERE--BEHIND ME--A
TIME-TRAVEL GUN! NOT AS
POWERFUL AS THE ONE I
TRIED TO USE ON **SUPERCILL**,
BUT GOOD ENOUGH FOR A
GETAWAY!

COME ALONG!
YOUR WEAPONS
ARE TOO LOW
ON ENERGY TO
EVEN TICKLE ME
NOW!

VERY TRUE! BUT THIS
ONE CAN TRANSPORT
ME TO SAFETY!

HE OUTFOXED ME!
HE'S FADING INTO
ANOTHER TIME-ERA!



VANISHED LIKE AN ICICLE IN A TURKISH BATH! AND WHO KNOWS WHAT TIME PERIOD HE'S IN NOW?



MOMENTS LATER, THE **GIRL OF STEEL** HURLS THE SAUCER AND ITS WEAPONS STRAIGHT INTO THE SUN!

OLD SOL'S TREMENDOUS HEAT WILL VAPORIZE THOSE DEATH-DEVICES! NO ONE WILL EVER USE THEM ON **SUPER-MAN!**



WHEN **SUPERMAN** REACHES EARTH...



HI, **SUPERGIRL!** I WITNESSED YOUR VICTORY OVER **BRAINIAC** WITH MY TELESCOPIC VISION!

VICTORY MY FOOT! I LET HIM GET AWAY RIGHT UNDER MY NOSE!

STOP WITH THE SELF-REPROACH BIT! YOU DEALT HIM ONE OF THE MOST HUMILIATING DEFEATS OF HIS CROOKED CAREER! THIS CALLS FOR A CELEBRATION!

I'LL TAKE A RAIN-CHECK! I HAVE A DATE WITH SOME COLLEGE TEXT-BOOKS AS **LINDA DANVERS!**



THE END

RIDDLE ME THIS!--

WHY ARE THE **INFERIOR FIVE** APPEARING IN **SHOWCASE?**



BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT **BRAVE AND BOLD** ENOUGH TO APPEAR ANYWHERE ELSE!



NOW ON SALE

SUPERMAN NATIONAL COMICS **DC**